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Center for Environmental Farming Systems 2017 Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Apprenticeship Program

Overview:

The Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS) Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Apprenticeship Program is seeking highly-motivated individuals from a variety of different backgrounds to participate in a hands-on work and study program that trains participants in many aspects of sustainable agriculture production and research. The majority of each apprentices' work will focus on a particular production system at CEFS, although locations will vary. Topics of study include Small Farm Production, Agroecological Production Techniques and Long-term Comparative Farming Systems. Apprenticeship appointments are for a period of time of four to six months and are located in Raleigh or Goldsboro, NC. During that time, Apprentices will have the opportunity to:



- Immerse oneself in agricultural production and field research, spending up to forty hours a week as an integral part of a team;
- Work with a highly diverse team of educators from North Carolina State University, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;
- Interact with other Apprentices at various research units and sites;
- Participate in field trips to local farms.

Prior Experience Required:

- High school diploma
- Applicants should be able to lift up to 45 lbs.
- Work in inclement weather
- Attention to detail



Application Process:

Applicants are required to apply through the North Carolina State University Jobs Website. Required information includes: completing an online application, submitting a cover letter stating your interest in the Apprenticeship Program and why you would be an excellent candidate, a resume, a letter of recommendation as well as a ranking of your interest in the different research programs offered.

Selection Process:

This is a rigorous and highly competitive program. Apprenticeship applications will be reviewed by a multi-agency/ multidisciplinary group of educators and several applicants will be selected for telephone interviews. Each year only four to five Apprentices will be accepted.

CEFS Apprenticeship Program Offers:

Apprentices receive \$7.25/hour. (All applicable payroll taxes apply). Housing is not provided. There is no meal plan or food stipend. Apprentices must have their own transportation.

For more information visit: <http://go.ncsu.edu/cefs-apprenticeship>

