

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ

CENTER FOR AGROECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

Sustainable Agrifood Systems Assistant Specialist

The University of California, Santa Cruz [Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Agrifood Systems](#) (CASFS) is accepting applications for a Sustainable Agrifood Systems Assistant Specialist. Under the general direction of the CASFS Assistant Director, the Assistant Specialist will coordinate the implementation of model education and public service efforts on sustainable agrifood systems on UC campuses and regionally. Funded through a one-year grant, the Assistant Specialist will participate in a project team to design and implement education strategies and programs in institutions of higher education beginning with UC campuses. The Assistant Specialist will serve as CASFS's representative among campus groups working on agrifood systems sustainability, and will be CASFS's resource person for those seeking information on farm-to-college programs. The Assistant Specialist will help develop a regional consortium for sustainable agrifood systems, meeting and networking with organizations and leaders in the region to design consortium projects. The Assistant Specialist will also help develop funding proposals for such projects, and participate in the development of the Center's strategic plan in these areas.

To fulfill these duties, the Assistant Specialist will: 1) develop and manage a statewide model fellowship program to advance knowledge about and practice of sustainable food systems in higher education institutions, primarily aimed at UC and community college students; 2) hire and manage student fellows to provide education to students and staff about sustainable food systems on campus through undergraduate course and co-curricular opportunities; 3) assist the organization of a campus-based agrifood seminar to share information and advance knowledge about sustainable agrifood systems; 4) assist the development of a regional consortium of sustainable food systems; and 5) participate in the development and implementation of the Center's strategic plan.

RANK: Assistant Specialist, 100% time (fiscal year)

SALARY: \$38,952 – \$41,496, commensurate with qualifications and experience; full UC benefits

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's degree in relevant field. Demonstrated ability to work effectively on a project team, work independently, and work on multiple projects simultaneously. Demonstrated networking, collaboration, public speaking, and facilitation skills. Excellent English-language written and oral communication skills. Experience using word processing, spreadsheet, presentation, and database computer programs. Availability to attend frequent evening and weekend meetings, events, and professional conferences.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Knowledge of agrifood organizations, programs, and policies in California, particularly the Central Coast region. Experience making presentations in academic and popular venues on agrifood topics. An understanding of farm-to-college efforts in California, particularly those that involve campus-based organizations. Knowledge of policies and procedures relating to the use of UC funds.

POSITION AVAILABLE: Immediate opening. Appointment is for one year with potential for reappointment, contingent upon the availability of funding and a positive performance review.

TO APPLY: *Electronic submission is strongly encouraged.* Applicants should submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, writing sample, and names of three references with contact information, via email to jlandeck@ucsc.edu.

Alternate mailing address:

Dr. Jonathon Landeck, Assistant Director
Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems
University of California
1156 High Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95064.

Please refer to Position #T09-15 in your reply

CLOSING DATE: Application materials must be postmarked by August 30, 2008.

The University of California, Santa Cruz is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer, committed to excellence through diversity. We strive to establish a climate that welcomes, celebrates, and promotes respect for the contributions of all students and employees.

Inquiries regarding the University's equal employment opportunity policies may be directed to: Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Office at the University of California, Santa Cruz, CA 95064; (831) 459-2686. Under Federal law, the University of California may employ only individuals who are legally able to work in the United States as established by providing documents as specified in the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

If you need assistance due to a disability please contact the Academic Personnel Office at 499 Clark Kerr Hall (831) 459-4300. This position description is available in alternate formats, which may be requested from Academic Personnel at (831) 459-4300.

VISIT THE APO WEB SITE AT: <http://apo.ucsc.edu>

7/30/08