POSITION OPENING: Lazarus Fellowship in Sustainable Food and Agriculture
May 2016 - June 2018

DESCRIPTION

Since 2007, the Yale Sustainable Food Program has awarded a recent Yale College graduate a fellowship opportunity to work in the field of sustainable food and agriculture, to build professional and leadership skills, and to create educational programs at Yale about sustainable food and agriculture. In a two-year period, the Lazarus Fellow will:

• Learn how to manage our one-acre urban Farm and plan classes and field trips for its summer internship
• Design on-campus educational programming featuring eminent speakers that have included Wendell Berry, Michael Pollan, Harold McGee, Alice Waters, Dan Barber, Will Allen, Marion Nestle and many more
• Direct the Freshman Harvest Pre-Orientation Program
• Learn how to run a cohesive social media strategy using platforms such as Tumblr, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Flickr, and Drupal
• Gain valuable and concrete leadership and professional experience

RESPONSIBILITIES

• Develops and implements the YSFP’s undergraduate engagement strategy. Evaluates all programs operated out of the YSFP and makes recommendations to maintain relevance to a broad undergraduate community, and to continually improve level of service to Yale College.

• Manages the “Chewing the Fat” speaker series. Identify potential visiting speakers, typically leaders in their fields, of current relevance to Yale College students, negotiate the details of their time spent at Yale, manage publicity for the entire series, coordinate all travel and presentation logistics, and implement a strategic dissemination strategy, including web dissemination.

• Manages the “Harvest” freshman pre-orientation program. With Director and representatives of the Yale College Dean’s office, provides strategic advice for future structure, objectives, target audience, programming, financial model, risk management, and operations of the program. Supervising a team of student leaders, is responsible for the successful implementation of a multi-site, rural farm-based, practical intensive pre-orientation for incoming Yale Students. Sets clear expectations with a broad range of stakeholders, clearly communicating program objectives and formal agreements as required. Anticipates and manages risks, ensuring the safety of up to 100 students working on distributed sites through the state. Records, organizes, and archives pertinent information and trains new student leaders and successor.
• Develops and improves farm-based curricular materials and management systems with the Yale Farm’s field academic coordinator, particularly during the Lazarus summer farm internship. Teaches Lazarus Summer Interns on a variety of topics.

• Coordinate the YSFP’s social media activities, including writing and disseminating newsletters, blog posts, micro-blog entries, event and calendar releases and registrations, and supports other communications as required.

QUALIFICATIONS

• Recent Yale College graduate with the ability to commit to two years of work on campus
• Eager and able to develop new skills with minimal structured training, have excellent organizational abilities, be attentive to detail, and strive for professionalism in all aspects of work.
• Versatile communications skills, be able to produce creative and compelling prose suitable for web and print, possess a critical visual communications aesthetic, and be comfortable speaking in public.
• Passion for sustainable food and agriculture, stay current with developments in the field, and be interested in pursuing a long-term career in the area.
• Familiar with Yale University and the Yale Sustainable Food Program, possess an understanding of the interests of Yale College students, be committed to enhancing the undergraduate experience at Yale, be able to inspire and lead student groups.
• Strong computer skills and facility with multiple web-based applications and social media.
• Flexibility and a sense of humor.
• Valid driver’s license.

COMPENSATION & BENEFITS

This is a salaried entry-level position made possible by the Lazarus Fund for Sustainable Food and Agriculture at Yale. The Lazarus Fellow receives a full compensation package for the duration of the 2-year appointment. This position is classified as a Management & Professional Intern (Non-Exempt), salary band 4.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants should apply through Yale’s STARS system. A requisition number will soon be assigned. In the meantime, please submit a resume, cover letter, writing sample and letter of recommendation directly to Jacqueline.Munno@yale.edu with "Lazarus Fellowship Application 2016-18" in the subject line.

The final day to apply is Friday, February 8.

To learn more about this position from our current Lazarus Fellow, contact Bella.Napier@yale.edu

SAMPLE ANNUAL SCHEDULE

There is no typical year at the Yale Sustainable Food Program, but our work does vary consistently with the academic year. Below you will find a sample of what the Lazarus Fellow might expect during our major programmatic “seasons.”
### Summer

The Lazarus Fellow helps design, run, and participate in programming for the Lazarus Summer Internship. Programming includes field trips to local farms, Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture, and a day-long excursion on an oyster boat with local activist and oysterman Bren Smith; attendance at the 3-day NOFA summer conference; classes on soil science, lacto-fermentation workshops, food justice, food entrepreneurship, crop rotation, cheese-tasting, and many more.

Throughout the summer (but most intensively in August), the Lazarus Fellow coordinates details and works with upperclassmen leaders to run the Harvest pre-orientation program.

Concurrently, the Lazarus Fellow writes blog posts and newsletters, as well as plans the Chewing the Fat event schedule for the upcoming academic semester.

### Fall Semester

The fall semester is the Program's busiest time. The Lazarus Fellow typically brings one visiting speaker to campus per week for the Chewing the Fat series. These events take the form of College Teas, workshops, on-farm meals, classroom talks, or small round-table discussions, and the Lazarus Fellow organizes most elements of the guest’s visit.

Beyond the regularly scheduled Chewing the Fat events, the Program works with other organizations on campus to put on conferences and other large-scale events. In the past, YSFP has co-coordinated several food-related conferences, the Chubb Fellowship, the Zucker Fellowship, and a 5-day field trip to Vermont with Professor Maria Trumpler's Women, Food, and Culture course.

The Lazarus Fellow is also responsible for generation of social media content, the management of our 25-30 academic year interns, and helping with the wide variety of on-farm tours and events.

### Spring Semester

Spring semester follows a similar structure to fall semester, with regularly scheduled Chewing the Fat events, intern management, and social media content generation.

During the spring months, the Lazarus Fellow helps hire for and plan programming for the summer internship, which includes the designing and scheduling of field trips and classes, and conference attendance.

The Lazarus Fellow spends time training student leaders and begins planning for the summer’s Harvest trips.