Food Access and Affordability Fellow
Office of Sustainability

Description
The New London County Food Policy Council (NLCFPC) is a group of community organizations that are working collaboratively to transform the region's food system for improved health outcomes through policy advocacy and program innovation, alignment, and support. The NLCFPC collaborates with local farmers, community members, institutions and local businesses to increase food security by supporting sustainable agriculture in New London. The Food Access and Affordability Fellow will work with members of the NLCFPC to establish programs and support that allow food insecure families and individuals in New London County to have greater access to affordable, sustainable food.

The Food Access and Affordability Fellow will have the following responsibilities:

● Continue proposal development and funding requests for the following initiatives:
  ○ Double Value Coupon Program - Allowing SNAP recipients to double their purchases at farmers markets around New London County
  ○ Rx for Health Program - Allowing local doctors to “prescribe” up to five $20 coupons for local farmers markets to families with children suffering from diet-related diseases
● Conduct research and develop recommendations that will support food insecure families and individuals in New London County to have greater access to affordable, sustainable food;
● Develop connections with and between local non-profit and for-profit organizations that are committed to increase the affordability and access for sustainable food for those who are food insecure in our county;
● Schedule meetings as needed with community members/organizations;
● Attend all New London County Food Policy Council meetings;
● Other duties as assigned.

Requirements

● Comfortable working with a variety of campus and community constituencies (local community members, staff, students, faculty)
● Excellent time management and organization skills
● Strong research skills
● Excellent verbal and written communication skills
● Comfortable working under tight deadlines
● Passion for working on community-wide sustainability projects and related policies

Compensation
Mandatory participation in 2-credit Applications of Sustainability Seminar (SUS 293) that meets Fridays from 11:50am-1:05pm - for all new fellows. The course is taken pass/fail.

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