The FIELD Fellowship

Empowering students to launch projects to address the world's most pressing challenge, sustainability feeding the planet.

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The Program

FIELD is a dynamic nine-month work-study fellowship open to a select group of students who are motivated to making a difference in the food system. The goal of Farmlink's fellowship is to introduce leaders, new ideas, and build a community of changemakers year after year. We are building a cohort of dedicated students who are bought into building community, action oriented, and willing to make the most out of the program.

Immersion is at the heart of FIELD. Fellows join partners at the front of food system challenges, where they learn by doing then design and implement impactful solutions. The program culminates in a summit attended by a network of Farmlink Project alums, donors, investors, partners, and research collaborators committed to supporting these projects & these fellows to drive meaningful change in global food systems.

While FIELD fellows present their solutions to the greatest global food system challenges at the end of the program; The real impact of this fellowship is seen in what fellows go on to do.

Our core principles

CONNECTION

Change starts with people. We are looking for incredible fellows who will invest in cultivating a lifelong community of food system doers. This means building meaningful relationships, participating in learning, and supporting each other through project creation and beyond.

CHALLENGE

Hard work and new experiences build character and inspire ideas. We believe the ideas to sustainably feed our planet will be created on the frontline of the food system, not in the classroom. This demands leaders who are gritty, determined, and choose action when faced with challenge.

IMPACT

Read world impact lead by young people. FIELD is seeking to drive change through the projects created during and beyond the program. We believe the greater impact lies in what fellows go on to do after the 9 months of FIELD. This is just the launching pad.

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Learn and get Inspired (10 weeks, remote) Guest speakers, discussion sessions

Join a vibrant, bought in community of driven students aligned by their passion to make the world a better place. Learn from global leaders about how our food system currently operations, social and environmental implications, challenges, and frameworks to effective change.

Curriculum Snap Shot:

- Agriculture and Food Distribution
- Hunger in America and the Charitable Food System
- How to Lead and Build Solutions

Phase 2 Immersion with Partners (10 weeks, in-person)

Learning and immersion from industry's experts.

We believe that learning comes from first hand experience at the frontline. Fellows work on site across the country or abroad to learn by doing and collaborate on innovative projects. Fellows are challenged to understand complex problems and co-create, test & deploy real solutions

Examples of Past Immersion Partners:

- <u>Flynn Creek Farm</u> regenerative farm
- <u>Terradot</u> Ag/climate start up
- FarmingHope Community hunger fighting org

Phase 3

Project Development (10 weeks, remote) Build your own food system solution

During the summer, you will conduct a needs assessment to identify a specific problem you aim to address with your solution. Working closely with assigned mentors, Farmlink team members, and collaborators, you will refine, develop, and test your solution. Ultimately, you will present your work at a summit to potential collaborators, donors, your personal network, and the broader Farmlink community.







Summit

The program culminates in a summit attended by a network of Farmlink Project alums, donors, investors, partners, and potential collaborators curious to learn about your projects & you. This is an opportunity to showcase you work, potentially take your project to the next level, and celebrate each other. The summit requires you to be in person at no financial cost to you and is followed by a retreat weekend!

The **FIELD** Fellowship

This program is built for the next generation of food system leaders. If that is you, apply today.

Eligibility

Our program is designed for students pursuing an undergraduate degree, however, people who have just completed a college education or are pursuing a graduate degree are welcome to apply. This program is not open to high school students.

Stipend

To accommodate the full-time, in-person demands of the summer, The Farmlink Project provides a \$6,000 living stipend and covers travel and relocation expenses for those moving to a new destination for Phase 2. During Phase 3, we offer a needs-based stipend. We understand that project development work may take time away from other paid opportunities, and we aim to ensure participants can fully commit to their work without financial stress.

2025 Schedule

A 9-month program that demands as much time as a college course during phase 1 and 3, requires full-time work during the summer immersion, phase 2, and attendance of our annual summit. Fellows must commit to participate in the program's entirety.

- Recruitment: Jan
 - 1st round interviews Jan 9-16
 - Group interviews Jan 21-24
 - Cohort finalized Jan 31
- Phase 1: February 24 May 2

 Virtual, ~10 hours weekly
- Phase 2
 - In Person, 40 hours weekly
 - Dates determined with your industry partner, flexible to all school schedules
- Phase 3: September 1 November 7
 Remote, ~10 hours weekly
 In Person, Summit Event

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For additional questions please reach out to **stella.delp@farmlinkproject.org** and attend one of our info sessions. Register: <u>Dec 11th 4pm PST</u> <u>or Dec 16 8am PST</u>