



Center for Environmental Farming Systems Graduate Fellows Program Overview NC State University

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Program Summary:

The Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS) NC State University Graduate Fellows Program was developed to provide financial support and recognition for the future leaders, researchers and contributors in sustainable agriculture and local food systems while they pursue academic research to further the field of study.

CEFS flourishes as one of the nation's most important centers for research, extension, and education in sustainable agriculture and community-based food systems. It is recognized as a national and international leader in the local foods movement, and is celebrated for its work in building consensus around policies, programs and actions that facilitate a vibrant local food economy. To learn more about CEFS, visit our website at www.cefs.ncsu.edu.

Eligibility:

To be eligible to apply to be a CEFS Graduate Fellow, the qualifications below must be met:

- Must be enrolled as a full time graduate student at NC State University (US citizens, permanent residents and international students are eligible to apply); and
- Completed one semester of a Master's Degree Program at NC State University; or
- Completed one semester of a Doctoral Program at NC State University.

Stipend and Fellowship Tenure:

- A Master's Student will be eligible for a one (1) year, \$5,000 stipend to be used at the student's discretion.
- A Doctoral student will be eligible for a two (2) year, \$5,000/year (total of \$10,000) stipend to be used at the student's discretion.

Fellowship Requirements:

If selected as a CEFS Graduate Fellow you will be expected to complete the following activities or forfeit your stipend. Items with an asterisk (*) are not required for Master's level students:

- Present your work/poster at one (1) regularly scheduled meeting of the CEFS Board of Advisors. (The CEFS Board of Advisors generally meets 3 times a year). Students are also encouraged to present their posters at the NCSU Graduate Student Research Symposium.
- Present your research poster at one regularly scheduled All CEFS Meeting (these meetings are generally held in February and September each year and are a convening of all of the CEFS affiliated faculty/staff performing the work - academic, research, extension - of CEFS).

Your advisor of record will need to attend and introduce you at the All CEFS meeting. ***(Please make sure to notify your adviser of this requirement and to have them complete the Academic Advisor Certification Form)***

- Coordinate/participate in one education or Extension Experience (can be combined with Grad program requirement).
- Participate in one (1) educational program or event with CEFS Interns and/or Apprentices.
- In working together with the cohort of CEFS Graduate Fellows, organize and coordinate a recruitment event/mixer for new/future CEFS Graduate Fellows.
- *Participate in one trip, coordinated by CEFS, to Washington D.C. The intent is to expose and immerse the fellows to Sustainable Agriculture at the policy/ Federal level (Such as: Tour of NIFA, Meet with FFAR, SARE, Union of Concerned Scientist, Attend lobbying event, etc.).
- *Write one (1) op-ed or popular print article pertaining to your research on sustainable agriculture and food systems.

Evaluation & Selection:

- All applications will undergo a preliminary review by a team of CEFS faculty/staff to ensure: 1) that each element of the application was submitted as required and consistent with application instructions; and 2) that the essay demonstrates relevance to sustainable agriculture and local and regional food systems. *Applications that do not meet the required criteria will not be forwarded to the Selection Committee for consideration.*
- The Selection Committee shall be comprised of members of the CEFS Board of Advisors and Emeritus CEFS Affiliated Faculty Members.
- Selection of Fellows will be made by the Selection Committee in May 2017 and candidates will be notified in June 2017; additionally Fellows will be announced at the September 2017 CEFS Board of Advisors meeting.
- In the 17/18 academic year we are anticipating approximately (4) Fellows to be selected; with the opportunity for more pending additional funding.

Application & Deadline:

- Please complete the one (1) page application and submit it with the required two (2) page essay (application and essay instructions are found on page two (2) of this application packet).
- The deadline for submission is **Friday, April 21, 2017 at 11:59 PM**. Submit your completed application packet via e-mail to kmchojna@ncsu.edu.
- Your Academic Advisor of record must complete and sign off on the Certification Form (Page 4 of this application packet). The signed Certification Form must be included in your application packet.
- You must submit a Current Enrollment Verification Certificate along with your application and essay (it only takes a few minutes). To print/ save a copy of a certificate, follow the instructions below:
 - 1) *Enter MyPack Portal - For Students*
 - 2) *Under "Academic Records," click on "Enrollment Verification"*
 - 3) *This will take you to a separate web page, click on the first bullet (a green hyperlink "Obtain an enrollment certificate"). **Make sure you have the "All Enrollment" radio button highlighted.***
 - 4) *Save the document and submit it with your completed application and essay.*

For general questions or to submit your application, please contact: Krystal M. Chojnacki (919) 515-1207 or kmchojna@ncsu.edu.



Center for Environmental Farming Systems Graduate Fellows Application

APPLICATIONS MUST BE **RECEIVED** BY:
FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017 at 11:59 PM

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Please fill in each of the items below and attach the required essay (outlined below). All fields are required.

Send completed Application, Essay, Current Enrollment Verification Certificate (*see previous page for printing instructions*) via e-mail to: kmchojna@ncsu.edu .

Name (First & Last):

Home Address (Number, Street, City, State & Zip):

Contact Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

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NC State University Graduate/PhD Program Name:

College:

Department:

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Year/Semester in Program:

Graduation Date (Anticipated):

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Please briefly share how you heard about this fellowship opportunity:

Essay Requirement:

Complete and attach a **two (2)** page essay (12pt Arial font, single- spaced). The first page should be a synopsis, in laymen's terms, of your research as it pertains to sustainable agriculture and local and regional food systems. The second page should describe why you want to be a CEFS fellow and your future goals.



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Academic Advisor Certification Form

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Your advisee, listed below, is submitting an application for the Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS) NC State University Graduate Fellows Program. This program was developed to provide financial support and recognition for the future leaders, researchers and contributors in sustainable agriculture and local and regional food systems while they pursue academic research to further the field of study.

There are several requirements of the student that we would like advisors to be aware, and supportive of, including a requirement of your attendance at an All CEFS Meeting in which you will introduce your advisee to the collective group as one of our new Fellows! All CEFS meetings are generally held in February and September each year and are a convening of all the CEFS affiliated faculty/staff performing the work - academic, research, and extension - of CEFS.

Advisor Name (First & Last):

Advisee Name (First & Last):

NC State University Graduate/PhD Program Name:

College:

Department:

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I certify that, as the Academic Advisor of the advisee/student listed above, I understand and agree to comply with the requirements of this fellowship that pertain to my role as their Academic Advisor.

Signature:

Date:

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