

Community Food Security Coalition
Washington, DC office
Summer 2008 - Policy Intern

The Community Food Security Coalition (CFSC) is dedicated to building strong, sustainable, local and regional food systems that ensure access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food to all people at all times. The Coalition advocates for programs and initiatives that seek to connect low-income communities with local and regional farmers. Leading up to this year's Farm Bill, CFSC has worked with a diverse group of organizations – family farm, sustainable agriculture, conservation and environment, nutrition, public health, and others – to promote fair and sustainable food and farm policies. Learn more about CFSC and our policy work based in Washington, DC at www.foodsecurity.org.

Responsibilities:

- Support CFSC's efforts to build a network of community food security advocates in support of federal legislation and implementation policy.
- Continue updates of and improvements to advocacy and education materials.
- Conduct research to create support for CFSC's policy campaigns and education work.
- Track media coverage of food and farming issues.
- Some administrative work, including arranging and preparing for meetings and assisting with communications.
- Attend meetings and hearings, networking and representing CFSC.
- Supporting direct advocacy efforts for CFSC's legislative priorities, including, but not limited to promotion of Farm to School and other local procurement efforts, Community Food Projects competitive grant program, creation of local food infrastructure, support for small and socially disadvantaged farmers, and other efforts to link small farmers and sustainable agriculture with low-income communities that need better access to healthy, local affordable food.

Candidate must have:

- Strong writing and communication skills.
- Attention to detail and ability to work in fast-paced legislative atmosphere.
- Ability to work independently, contribute ideas, and receive feedback.

Preferred candidate would have:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience.
- Experience with grassroots organizing or policy campaigns.
- Experience with and/or knowledge of agriculture, environment, public health policy.
- Experience with and/or knowledge of community development and environmental justice.

Position details:

- Small, relaxed office environment across from the Capitol.
- Individual projects and research are based around what you are interested in. Creative ideas and initiatives are highly encouraged!
- Start date, May 15, 2008 through August 2008, with exact dates being flexible.
- Forty hours a week expected.
- Modest stipend provided, depending upon experience and education.

To apply:

Applications are due by Friday, April 18th by 5:00 pm. Please include a cover letter, resume, two professional references and a writing sample. Writing samples should exemplify your ability articulate complex information in easily understandable language. Please direct applications and any questions to Kim Szeto at kim.foodsecurity@gmail.com, with "Policy Intern" in the subject line of your email.