



The Organic Vegetable Project at the Chico State Farm has internships available!

The Organic Vegetable Project is a 3 acre plot at the Chico State Farm. It is operated by a team of students and staff throughout the year. The field crew and interns work with the Program Manager to seed, plant, cultivate, harvest, and deliver to our various buyers. The field crew and interns have the opportunity to learn through training and hands-on experience, how to manage 3 acres of diverse vegetable and fruit crops to provide fresh, nutritious produce to the Chico State campus community. The Organic Vegetable Project team endeavors to promote sustainability in a variety of ways.

One mission of the OVP is to educate through work experience to enhance classroom learning. Another mission is to provide learning through research experience to better the overall knowledge of individual varieties and production methods. We are continually striving to sustain and regenerate our environmental resources, provide community members with healthy food, and support the availability of fresh, local food for all.

The OVP offers internships at any level of units needed by the student as long as it fits within the OVP's work schedule, which is usually within the times of 7am-12pm on weekdays.

Although an internship is not paid, the student will receive unit credits for their hours worked and they may be considered for paid employment as positions open up.

It is the job of the OVP intern to:

- Learn the many aspects of vegetable production from the Program Manager through training and hands-on practice in the field and in the greenhouse.
- Apply classroom knowledge in crop planning, soil management and pest identification and treatments, etc.
- Work closely with Program Manager to ensure highest quality produce and variety makes it to the CSA members and Farm Stand.
- Learn the ins and outs of soil preparation, greenhouse work, seeding, transplanting, pest management, nutrient management, irrigation, and harvest under the supervision of the Program Manager.
- Must be able to lift 50 lbs., be bent over or kneeling for extended periods of time, work in very hot, cold, or rainy conditions. (It is hard work, but very rewarding)
- Have a basic interest and enthusiasm about organic vegetable production.

Contact OVP Program Manager, Scott Grist sgrist@csuchico.edu, to apply.