

# UC Global Food Initiative Application

## Student Ambassador

**Eligibility:** UCSD Undergraduate and Graduate/Professional Level Students  
**Deadline to submit:** May 20, 2017  
**Submit a PDF by email to:** [scholarships@ucsd.edu](mailto:scholarships@ucsd.edu)

The overarching goal of the UC President Janet Napolitano's Global Food Initiative (GFI) is to harness the resources of the University of California - research, people, expertise, and tradition of public service - to put the world on a pathway to feed itself in ways that are nutritious and sustainable. The President's Global Food Initiative Student Ambassador Program was created to engage students in this critical effort.

The program provides research funds for a Student Ambassador Fellowship of \$4,000 that will be disbursed quarterly (1/3 per quarter). The Student Ambassador will work under the direction of Dr. Keith Pezzoli, Department of Communication and Director of Urban Studies and Planning. In addition, this position will receive another \$500 to support GFI leadership activities.

### Student Ambassador Responsibilities:

- Promote student awareness of the Global Food Initiative and student fellowship projects (e.g., tabling about the GFI, engaging student leaders and student organizations in discussions about the GFI, etc.)
- Network and help assist with publicizing campus events related to GFI activities
- Infuse, where appropriate, GFI branding into campus events, including campus activities for the October Food Day and April Earth Day
- Support GFI Working Groups
- Meetings: Participating in monthly Ambassador system-wide conference calls, attend GFI leadership meetings, actively participate in working groups and subcommittee meetings.
- Reporting: Submitting quarterly updates, share status of engagement efforts, provide student feedback, campus needs and opportunities, offer guidance on advancing campus-based student GFI engagement

Ambassadors are expected to participate in a UC Systemwide symposium in Fall 2017 to share project ideas and develop collaborations. There may be additional opportunities for collaboration and showcasing of GFI Fellows throughout the academic year.

Ambassadors are expected to be in good academic standing, remain registered during the award period, and spend approximately 8 hours a week during the instruction period each quarter - Fall 2017 through Spring 2018. Fellows will be expected to conduct research on topics related to UC San Diego's Global Food Initiative Project and collaborate and complete their fellowship under Dr. Keith Pezzoli's direction or other UCSD faculty members. There is no academic credit associated with this award.

To apply for the Student Ambassador position, please complete this form, save it as a PDF (use the following naming convention: lastname\_firstname\_globalfoodambassador\_2017.pdf), and email it to [scholarships@ucsd.edu](mailto:scholarships@ucsd.edu).

Questions: [scholarships@ucsd.edu](mailto:scholarships@ucsd.edu) Becky Obayashi (858) 534-1067 Michele Ojeda (858) 822-1028

## Global Food Initiative - Student Ambassador

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

UCSD PID: A \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_@ucsd.edu

**Current UCSD Student Level:**

- Undergraduate Student, Expected Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_
- Masters Student
- Ph.D. Student
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Major Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor Field of Study (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Professional Reference/Potential Research Mentor:** Please supply the name and contact information of a UCSD faculty member who can serve as a professional reference. There is no need for your reference to provide a letter. Reviewers will contact his or her as needed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

UCSD Department or Program Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_@ucsd.edu

Work Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief statement of how you know your reference (i.e., professor in multiple classes, research advisor, etc.)

## Global Food Initiative - Student Ambassador

1. Describe your skills, abilities, and experience in research and leadership related to this award.

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2. Provide your educational and career objectives and how selection for this fellowship will further your goals.

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**(OPTIONAL) Please provide any additional information that would support your application for this award.**

**I hereby give my permission for the selection committee to access my academic records collected and maintained by UC San Diego.**

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**Electronic Signature (Type Full Name)**

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**Date**

## Appendix 1

# URBAN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD DISPARITIES. A RESEARCH PROJECT OF THE UC GLOBAL FOOD INITIATIVE. 2017-2018

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### RESEARCH AGENDA

Critically analyze and evaluate urban agriculture (including community gardens, urban farms, food forests, aquaculture, and animal husbandry) in low income and underserved neighborhoods. Do so from diverse conceptual perspectives, including biological, geographic, spatial, energy, ecological, economic, socio-cultural, health, legal-institutional and political. Contribute to sustainability science and bioregional theory. Explain root causes of food disparities while opening new frontiers in transdisciplinary research and knowledge networking focused on coupled natural--human systems, social innovation, communication, learning, and the democratization of science and technology.

### ACTION AGENDA

Establish a comparative, multicampus research program within the UC system dedicated to critically examining urban agriculture's potential to increase food security and food justice. Critique conditions that are reproducing food disparities locally and globally while drawing attention (in academic, public policy and planning arenas) to alternatives that diminish food disparities. Build trusted community--university relationships that are culturally sensitive, participatory, authentically reciprocal and attuned to how race, class, gender, ethnicity and power interact in food systems. Create educational and training curriculum in support of sustainable food systems planning and design.

### Research + Action Goals and *Outcomes*

1. **Communication** supports equitable knowledge production, sharing and awareness (*community leaders, local residents and researchers co-create narratives, stories, and multimedia that cultivates healthy places, healthy people and rooted democracy*).
2. **Community Gardens and Food Forests** in Southeastern San Diego and City Heights deliver cumulatively impactful social, cultural, economic, and ecological benefits (*more people well nourished, healthy soil created, food disparities and nature-deficit disorder diminished*).
3. **Edible Plant Sampling and Analysis Program** addresses community concerns about health (*residents and community organizations gain access to UC science; enabling them to deal with concerns about growing fruits and vegetables on land that may be contaminated*).
4. **Green Infrastructure projects** demonstrate the power of biotic approaches (e.g., urban forests, vegetation, landscape ecology) to improve food-energy-water security and soil in climate friendly ways. (*community gardens and food forests function as living labs and provide useful data and knowledge about vital vegetation-soil-invertebrate and microbiome interactions*).
5. **Open Access Geographic Information Science and data integration/visualization technologies strengthen participatory planning and governance** (*local leaders, researchers and community organizations collectively gain analytical and mapping capability to advance the common good*).
6. **Informal food markets generate local** micro-entrepreneurship (food sector generates safe, legally sanctioned livelihood opportunities).