

# Student Application for a Plant and Soil Science Internship

## Deadlines:

For Spring internships - October 15  
For Summer internships - February 5  
For Fall internships - September 9

## Print Application and Memorandum of Understanding, Complete and Return to:

Mariann Steen, Plant and Soil Science Internship Program, 12A Hills Building, 105 Carrigan Drive, Burlington, VT 05405-0082; fax: 656-4656.

*Attach extra sheets if needed.*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name (include middle initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Address \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Campus phone \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated graduation date (mo) \_\_\_\_\_ (yr) \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor's phone: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**1a.** What courses have you taken that introduced you to sustainable agriculture and/or horticulture and/or environmental systems? (See "Student Information" for a list of examples.)

**1b.** What experiences (jobs, hobbies, etc.) have you had that interested you in sustainable agriculture and/or horticulture and/or environmental systems? (See "Student Information" for a list of examples.)

2. What skills or knowledge do you have that might help you succeed as an intern?

3. What kinds of work would you be interested in doing as an intern? (Check as many as apply. See "Student Information" for samples of internships.)

crop management  research

animal management  general field work

marketing  other \_\_\_\_\_

public relations  other \_\_\_\_\_

light construction  other \_\_\_\_\_

4. At what type of sustainable agriculture business would you like to intern? (Check as many as apply.)

dairy farm  other \_\_\_\_\_

vegetable farm  other \_\_\_\_\_

fruit farm  other \_\_\_\_\_

diversified farm

Community Support Agriculture (CSA)

state agency, e.g., Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service

cooperative, e.g., Vermont Apple Orchards

value-added operation, e.g., cheese-making, wine-making

5. How many credits do you want to earn through the internship? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Possible credits for Fall and Spring: 1-3; for Summer: 1-6.)

6. Approximately how many hours per week would you like to work as an intern? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Minimum of 50 hours per semester per academic credit earned.)

7. What is your primary reason (or reasons) for wanting to do a Plant and Soil Science internship?

8. Attach a resume—a sample of the one you'll provide to potential hosts. Below, list three references for the internship coordinator to contact, including at least one professor and at least one employer.

\*Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title & State of Business \_\_\_\_\_  
How you know him/her \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Title & State of Business \_\_\_\_\_  
How you know him/her \_\_\_\_\_  
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How do you know him/her \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*Note:* Completing this form does not guarantee that you will be placed in an internship. Program staff will strive to help interns find hosts, but it is ultimately the student's responsibility. There may not be a willing or appropriate host for every intern.

## UVM Plant and Soil Science Intern Memorandum of Understanding

The goals of the UVM Plant and Soil Science Internship Program are threefold:

1. to help students develop an understanding of agriculture in a systems-based context and improve their ability to use scientific and technical information in ecologically sound, practical decision-making;
2. to provide opportunities and incentives for students to develop life-long learning skills--autonomous learning, effective communication, collaboration, problem-solving, and critical thinking; and
3. to promote a stronger connection between UVM undergraduate students and Vermont agriculture.

Therefore, it is important that each UVM Plant and Soil Science intern understands and accepts his/her responsibilities both as a student seeking knowledge and experience, and as a representative of the UVM Plant and Soil Science Internship Program and UVM in general.

If placed as an intern, I agree to:

- Take responsibility for my learning—ask questions, get help and guidance when I need it, and monitor my progress on my goals and deadlines.
- Complete the required internship program forms in a timely and thorough manner.
- Abide by the rules, expectations and guidelines set forth by my host(s).
- Abide by the project outline, time line and conditions of my internship as outlined in my "Learning Contract."
- Be on time to work and to meetings and inform my host, advisor, or other people with whom I work of any conflicts or problems as far in advance as possible.
- Treat my host(s) and fellow workers with respect.
- Work efficiently, thoroughly and responsibly.
- Speak to my host, advisor, or the program coordinator IMMEDIATELY if I am experiencing any difficulty doing the work or interacting with my host or co-workers.
- Take care of myself—set limits, set reasonable goals for myself, and take care of my health.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date