FOOD JUSTICE AND EQUITY SCHOLARSHIP
for the Apprenticeship in Ecological Horticulture

SCHOLARSHIP EFFORT GOALS

To increase the number of Apprenticeship graduates working with low-income communities that historically have been underserved, we are building continued support for the Food Justice & Equity Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship fund was initiated by the CASFS People of Color Alumni (POC) Network in 2016 and has received major support from the Bon Appétit Management Company. As identified by the POC alumni working with CASFS Apprenticeship staff, the fund’s goals are to:

• Support apprentices presently committed to and engaged in creating food justice and equity in their communities and/or advocacy for responsible stewardship of the Earth.
• Support individuals from low-income communities who historically have been underrepresented, and would otherwise be unable to attend the Apprenticeship in Ecological Horticulture.

ABOUT THE APPRENTICESHIP IN ECOLOGICAL HORTICULTURE

Established in 1967, the Apprenticeship at the UC Santa Cruz Farm & Garden is one of the country’s oldest university-based organic farming education programs.

The Apprenticeship is part of the UCSC Center for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems (CASFS), a research and education program working to develop and advance sustainable food and agricultural systems.

Over the years, our main education program, the Apprenticeship in Ecological Horticulture, has evolved into an internationally known program for training new organic farmers, gardeners, and leaders in the food system. The program’s 1,500 graduates have had a profound ripple effect as they take their training to organic farms, urban agriculture projects, food programs, college farms, and more.

The Apprenticeship Program’s goal is to increase the number and diversity of people trained in the fundamental skills and concepts of organic horticulture, agriculture, and agroecology.
The program offers more than 700 hours of in-field training and hands-on experience in the production fields, gardens, orchards, greenhouses, and direct marketing facilities, along with 300 hours of classroom instruction. Topics covered during the six-month course include soil management, composting, pest control, crop planning, irrigation, farm equipment, marketing techniques, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) practices, farm labor issues, food policy, equity and access within the food system.

The course prepares apprentices to work in organic farming and urban agriculture or garden projects, international programs, college- and university-based farm and training programs, policy efforts, and much more.

To learn more about the Apprenticeship program and to see some of the ways graduates are applying their training, see casfs.ucsc.edu/apprenticeship.

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To donate to the Food Justice and Equity Scholarship, please visit: https://tinyurl.com/FJEdonation.

We look forward to seeing this fund grow, and supporting excellent trainees who go on to teach food growing and or organize garden and farm projects in underserved communities across the country.

TO APPLY FOR THE FOOD JUSTICE & EQUITY SCHOLARSHIP

The Apprenticeship in Ecological Horticulture is a full-time, six-month program that teaches the basic skills of organic farming, gardening, and food system issues.

We are seeking scholarship applicants currently working in their communities to create food justice and equity, and to advocate for responsible stewardship of the Earth.

The Apprenticeship will prepare you to work in farming and urban agriculture or garden projects that aim to improve human health, food system equity, and environmental quality through organic production, education, and advocacy.

Learn more and apply for the scholarship: https://tinyurl.com/feesupport.

For questions, please contact Kellee Matsushita at (831) 459-3375 or email casfs@ucsc.edu.

If you are interested in making a donation, please see: https://tinyurl.com/FJEdonation

For more information about supporting the scholarship, please contact Ann Lindsey CASFS grants and projects coordinator, at (831) 566-3779 or alindsey@ucsc.edu.

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