

FERN Job Posting**Application Opening Date:** Monday, December 2nd at 12:00pm ET**Application Closing Date:** Sunday, February 2nd at 11:59PM ET

Job Description	Researchers at the Global Food Research Program (Drs. Marissa Hall, Shu Wen Ng, and Lindsey Smith Taillie) are seeking summer interns to join our highly collaborative, interdisciplinary team. Our mission is to evaluate the impact of food policies such as warning labels, taxes, and marketing restrictions for unhealthy foods, with a focus on advancing health equity. The interns will support the study team in food policy research as well as conduct independent research. No research experience is required. More information about the position can be found at https://www.globalfoodresearchprogram.org/home/idea/fern/
Hourly Salary	\$21/hour
Supervisor	Fernanda Christon
Required qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ability to work independently and collaboratively.• Undergraduate student with 2nd- or 3rd-year academic standing in Spring 2025, who will graduate later than June 2025.• Expressed interest in food and nutrition research.• Expressed interest in pursuing further education following completion of undergraduate degree. Applicants should be interested in pursuing advanced degrees or credentials in public health or nutrition – e.g., Master of Public Health, Master of Science (MS), Registered Dietitian/Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RD/RDN), Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Public Health (DrPH). This opportunity is specifically for applicants interested in graduate school, not medical school or other health professional schools.
Preferred qualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High level of organizational skills and attention to detail.
Start Date	05/27/2025
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Curriculum Vitae / Resume• Cover Letter• Unofficial transcript• Contact information for 2 references (name, relationship, number, email)- no reference letter needed.
Optional Documents	
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Supplemental Questions:

Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is not permitted when answering the essay questions below. GFRP reserves the right to submit written answers to AI detection programs (e.g., iThenticate). Suspected violations will be dismissed from our selection process.

Essay questions

1. **(REQUIRED)** The Global Food Research Program (GFRP) focuses on improving health outcomes by researching and evaluating nutrition and food policies (e.g., federal food assistance programs, food marketing, labeling, and taxation), both domestically and globally. Describe why you are interested in exploring nutrition and/or food-related research and how this aligns with your career and academic goals. (Maximum of 500 words)
2. **(REQUIRED)** Economic, political, and social factors contribute to differences in health outcomes, within and between countries. How will you apply your FERN summer training to address these factors in order to reduce these differences in health outcomes? (Maximum of 250 words)
3. **(REQUIRED)** Explain how your academic background, strengths, and lived experiences might contribute to nutrition and/or food-related research. (Maximum of 250 words)
4. **(REQUIRED)** What is a specific topic you would like to explore during your internship? (Maximum of 250 words)
5. **(OPTIONAL)** Is there anything else you would like us to know as we consider your application? (Maximum of 250 words)

Demographics questions

1. Expected graduation month and year. (Reminder: You are not eligible to apply if you are expected to graduate before December 2025).
2. Current year in undergraduate program.