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**Fall 2011**



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**Internship**

The **Delaware Farm-to-School Collaborative** is a non-profit organization of researchers, business leaders, designers, farmers, and educators who have partnered with the Department of Agriculture to create a comprehensive, statewide, public-private farm-to-school infrastructure in Delaware. Farm-to-school programs create direct buying relationships between local farms and school cafeterias in order to improve the nutritional quality of food served to school children and to increase opportunity for agricultural businesses.

The Delaware Farm-to-School Collaborative (F2SC) is seeking an interdisciplinary team of students to support the creation of the statewide, farm-to-school infrastructure in Delaware. Working closely with the F2SC leadership, students will:

- Research successful farm-to-school models in the region and across the country
- Assess the production, handling and distribution capabilities of interested Delaware farmers
- Identify leaders and potential participants in the public and independent school community
- Identify potential partners in the private sector, including restaurateurs, processors and distributors
- Collect baseline data and develop matrices to quantify and evaluate programmatic success (This is expected to be done in collaboration with the Delaware Department of Agriculture, the University of Delaware and Delaware State University.)
- Identify logistical hurdles and develop potential solutions, using optimization models
- Identify funding from public and private sources for a three-year implementation plan.

We are looking for a group of students to work collaboratively (with each other and with our organization) to inform the three-year operational strategy of the F2S Collaborative.

Students selected to intern with the Delaware Farm-to-School Collaborative may earn academic credit by enrolling in an independent study at the University of Delaware. For academic credit, students must secure the approval of a UD faculty member who is willing to serve as their advisor for the independent study.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2011**

**Applications should be submitted electronically, via e-mail, to:**

**Theresa Pileggi, Executive Director  
Delaware Farm-to-School Collaborative  
DF2S\_Collaborative@comcast.net**

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**Applicants must:**

- have a 3.0 Cumulative GPA to apply  
(or the written endorsement of the student's department chairperson; minimum GPA 2.5)
- complete the application below
- include a copy of their unofficial transcript
- include a copy of their resume

**Applicant Information:**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number (UDID) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Term \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s)/Concentration(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_

**Faculty Advisor Information:** Please provide the name and contact information of the UD faculty member who has agreed to advise the applicant in an independent study course to be taken for academic credit.

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

Faculty E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please answer the following prompts in 2-3 sentences. Include any relevant dates and details.

1. What are you currently studying within your major and/or minor, and what do you aim to do with this academic preparation when you graduate?

2. What past professional, leadership, or internship experiences have you participated in?



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5. Please explain why you have an interest in this particular internship.