

**UF/IFAS**

College of Agricultural and Life Sciences
Field & Fork Campus Food Program
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Field & Fork Graduate Assistantship

The Field & Fork Campus Food Program is offering a graduate assistantship to conduct research on sustainable agriculture and food systems at the Field & Fork Farm and Gardens. The graduate assistantship is for two years (Fall 2019 – Summer 2021) at the MS level, and consists of a 0.5 FTE (20 hours per week) commitment to working on the farm (see below for assistantship description). A tuition waiver is included in the assistantship.

Interested applicants should reach out to potential advisors in academic units throughout IFAS who would be interested in advising her/his research. The applicant-advisor pair should submit a joint letter of interest (max. 2 pages) detailing the research proposal, how well their respective scientific interests and skillsets align, and the contribution of the proposed research to sustainable agriculture and food systems in Florida. Given the significant time commitment allocated to farming to fulfill the assistantship, applicants should have a strong interest in learning and conducting a variety of farming tasks outside, in potentially harsh conditions (insects, weather). Prior experience in farming and/or supervising undergraduate interns is an asset, but not a requirement.

Preference will be given to those interested in conducting research with clear applications for improving the sustainability of Florida farming systems, including urban farms. Projects within any discipline (e.g., agronomy, entomology, nematology, soil and water sciences) are welcome, and those emphasizing extension or social sciences relating to the Field and Fork Program will be prioritized. Land area is potentially available at the Field and Fork Farm and Gardens for research plots, depending on the scope and demands of the study.

Interested applicants can submit their resume and letter of interest to Dina Liebowitz (dinalieb@ufl.edu) by March 15, 2019. Applicants must also ensure that they meet the admission criteria of the academic unit where they would complete their graduate research, should they be selected for the assistantship.

For more information or if you have any question, please contact Anna Prizzia (aprizzia@ufl.edu).

Assistantship duties:

- Create a robust research project related to sustainable agriculture and food systems, and coordinate with Field and Fork staff and interns to implement it.
- Assist with Field and Fork Program's core mission activities of sustainable food production, facilitation of experiential learning, and development of extension/outreach activities. This involves at least 10 hours a week completing farm-related tasks, under the direction of the Farm Manager.
- Work with and manage volunteers as necessary.
- Collect and manage data and report regularly on progress.