

Public Health Graduate Assistant Needed

Project: Expanding local specialty crop opportunities in North Dakota through season extension using high tunnels.

The connection between public health and agriculture is burgeoning area of inquiry. This project will implement an intervention to increase the use of high tunnels (a growing season extension technique) in North Dakota, thereby increasing the population's access to fresh fruit and vegetables over a longer period of time. High tunnels modify the growing environment to extend the growing season. This is beneficial for traditional high tunnel crops such as tomatoes, peppers, spinach and lettuce. This project will evaluate traditional and non-traditional crop production and also compare growth in three locations: Fargo, Williston, and Bottineau. There is a lack of published research on ND high tunnel production, nor is there a comparable source of information from other states as ND's climate varies widely. **A second goal of this project is to create a public listserv and community of practice specifically for ND high tunnel growers.**

Required Skills and Attributes:

Ability to use social media effectively to bring together large numbers of people

Networking skills

Event organizing

Knowledge of print media (e.g., writing press releases)

Graphic and document design

Online collaboration tools

Graduate assistant will work on the **second goal** mentioned above.

Preferred Skills and Attributes:

Interest in agriculture and health

Community organizing experience

Webinar development

Powerpoint or Prezi skills

Hours: 10 hours/week (flexible work hours)

Summer 2016: 10 hours/week maximum (summer wages TBD)

Stipend: \$3500/semester

Possibility of working from a distance

Must be available during the summer

Some travel required

Contact:

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Send resume and cover letter by December 15, 2015

