



GrowinG Internship Program Accepting Applications

Growing beginning farmers & ranchers in Wyoming

The GrowinG Internship Program is accepting applications for the 2023 program. This opportunity is part of a broader project offering education and practical experience to beginning farmers and ranchers across Wyoming. *“Goals of the program are to provide hands-on internships at working farms and ranches to Wyoming’s beginning farmers and ranchers each year, in cooperation with state producer organizations and educational institutions,”* explained Kendra Faucett program coordinator. Applications to get involved are now being accepted from potential interns and site hosts.



The program will provide stipends of \$5,000 per internship. Eligible applicants are individuals 18 years or older who identify as ready to begin farming or have been involved in managing their own farm or ranch enterprise for less than 10 years.

GrowinG interns who are also degree-seeking students are encouraged to seek academic credit for participating in the GrowinG Internship Program. Academic credit must be arranged in advance between the student and an academic advisor with the granting educational institution.

Interns selected to participate will spend 10 weeks on a host farm or ranch assisting with daily activities, learning from the manager and others. Successful candidates will work with the site host to establish start and end dates once an award has been made. Taking part in at least one agricultural educational event within the timeframe of the internship is also expected.

“Weekly work summaries will help the intern reflect on day-to-day work, educational experiences throughout the duration of the internship,” noted Ben Rashford one of the project co-directors. *“Summaries will be posted to the project site to help others understand the benefits of participation.”*

Operators selected to host interns agree to provide room and board for the internship experience. Hosts will work with the intern

to provide educational and safe learning experiences for the intern, keeping in mind their learning objectives where possible.

“We encourage interested interns and agricultural operators to apply now,” said John Hewlett project co-director. *“A state committee will help select candidates and match interns with host sites, beginning in early March.”*

Online application forms are available at GrowinG-WY.org. Separate tabs provide links to the intern and host application materials. The site also offers background information on the overall project, as well as links to collections of helpful resources and materials for beginning farmers and ranchers.

For more information contact the GrowinG Internship Program at information@GrowinG-WY.org or GrowinG-WY.org.

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