Who We Are

Bloomingfoods promotes healthy, high quality, sustainable, and environmentally-sound products at a fair price. Our commitment to sustainable agriculture, artisanal producers of local products, and delicious regional foods are a few of the things that set us apart. Our purpose and mission as stated in our Bylaws, Article II, Section 2.1: As more fully stated in its Articles of Amendment, the purposes of the Co-op are: to promote and encourage interest in the local growing of food crops and to provide for the consumers of Southern Indiana locally grown, nutritious and non-chemically produced foodstuffs; to educate the community to the economic, social, and other beneficial values inherent in organizing community services, and in offering locally produced consumer goods and foodstuffs; and to help provide low cost food and consumer services to the indigent member-owners of the Co-op and to the local community as a whole whenever possible. A further mission of the Co-op is to foster a healthy and sustainable future through the development of community-based cooperative businesses. The Co-op shall at all times be operated on a cooperative basis for the mutual benefit of its owners.

POSITION SUMMARY

The extern will be placed within Marketing and Communications department of Bloomingfoods reporting to the Manager of Marketing and Communications, Nicholas Blewett. The extern will be responsible for taking the lead on specific projects that tie into the co-ops continual drive to improve sustainability. This would include the evaluation of current programs and their effectiveness.

In addition, the extern will research and present other sustainability best practices that Bloomingfoods does not currently engage in. This will likely require establishing contact with relevant grocery co-ops around the country. If projects or program recommendations are approved, the extern would then be responsible for crafting a project plan accompanied by key delivery dates. If time permits the extern could begin implementing some of this work prior to completion of the externship.

Duties will include:

- Work across departments to research and evaluate current and future programs
- Connect with other grocery co-ops to gain insights into best practices in grocery sustainability
- Work with HR to update orientation and onboarding materials to include more information about employee participation in sustainability efforts
Develop or identify a sustainability tracking system that Bloomingfoods can use as a yearly evaluation tool
• Work with Marketing and Communications team to build out communication materials and programs that can be used to educate consumers and the community around sustainability best practices
• Attend the 3-day Boot camp May 18 – 20, 2020

Qualifications
• The ideal candidate is detail and deadline oriented, is self-starting, resourceful, collaborative, has experience and/or coursework in sustainability studies, experience working with Microsoft Office products, and is a great communicator.

Compensation
Compensation will be in the form of a stipend through the Indiana Sustainability Development Program. The intern will work full time for 10 weeks, beginning June 1, 2020 – August 7, 2020.

Feedback and evaluation
The extern will be given regular feedback from Bloomingfoods staff on progress and performance. Success will be determined by the extern’s ability to embrace the co-ops end statement and values, and the completion of the specified projects.

Application instructions
To apply for this position, complete an application on the Sustain IU website. If you have questions about the program or any of the jobs available, email Danni Schaust, ISDP Program Manager, at danmcphe@iu.edu. The application deadline is Friday, Feb. 28, 2020.