

The FIELD Fellowship

Empowering young leaders with the resources, network, and hands-on experience to drive meaningful change within our food system.

The Program

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FIELD is a dynamic nine-month work-study fellowship open to a select group of students who are motivated to making a difference in the food system. The goal of Farmlink's fellowship is to introduce leaders, new ideas, and build a community of changemakers year after year. We are building a cohort of dedicated students who are bought into building community, action oriented, and willing to make the most out of the program.

Immersion is at the heart of FIELD. Fellows spend their summers at the frontline of the food system, to learn by doing then design and implement impactful solutions tied to Farmlink's mission of feeding people with the food we already grow. The program culminates in a summit attended by a network of Farmlink Project alums, donors, investors, partners, and research collaborators excited to see these projects & these fellows continue to drive meaningful change.

The impact of FIELD is three fold: the projects developed during the program, scaling of promising projects, and ultimately what you go on to do as a food system leader.

Our core principles

CONNECTION

Change starts with people. We are looking for incredible fellows who will invest in cultivating a lifelong community of food system doers. This means building meaningful relationships, participating in learning, and supporting each other through project creation and beyond.

CHALLENGE

Hard work and new experiences build character and inspire ideas. We believe the ideas to sustainably feed our planet will be created on the frontline of the food system, not in the classroom. This demands leaders who are gritty, determined, and choose action when faced with challenge.

IMPACT

Read world impact lead by young people. FIELD is seeking to drive change through the projects created during and beyond the program. We believe the greater impact lies in what fellows go on to do after the 9 months of FIELD. This is just the launching pad.

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Phase 1

Learn and get Inspired (10 weeks, remote)

Guest speakers, discussion sessions

Join a vibrant, bought in community of driven students aligned by their passion to make the world a better place. Learn from global leaders about how our food system currently operates, social and environmental implications, challenges, and frameworks to effective change.

Curriculum Snap Shot:

- Agriculture and Food Distribution
- Hunger in America and the Charitable Food System
- How to Lead and Build Solutions



Phase 2

Immerse with Partners (10 weeks, in-person)

Learning and immersion from industry's experts.

Fellows work on site with food recovery operations, farms, and charitable food organizations across the country to learn by doing and collaborate on innovative projects.

Examples of Past Immersion Partners:

- Rethink Food - Partners with restaurants to activate the local economy and fight food insecurity
- We Don't Waste Denver - Large scale food recovery and distribution
- FarmingHope - Bringing dignity and community to charitable food



Phase 3

Project Development (10 weeks, remote)

Refine insights, data, prototypes, and pilots to scale food rescue more equitably across the country.

During the summer, you will collaborate with your partner to identify a specific problem you aim to address with your solution. Working closely with assigned mentors, Farmlink team members, and collaborators, you will refine, develop, and access the scalability of the solution. These solutions will directly tie to Farmlink's partners and our operations to scale food recovery and distribution.

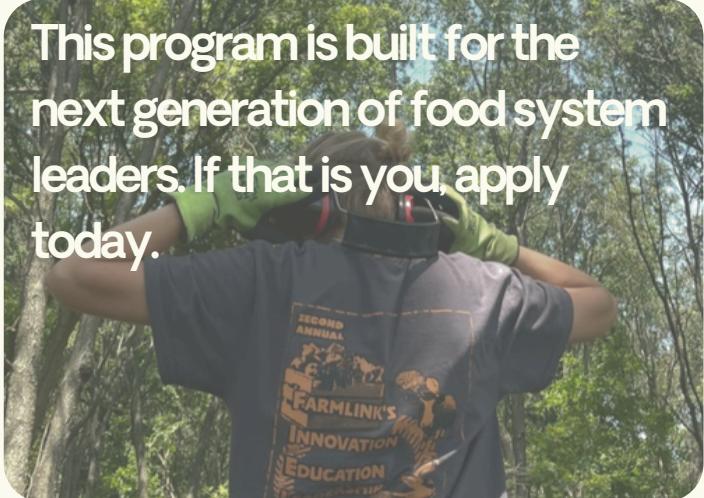


Summit

The program culminates in a summit attended by a network of Farmlink Project alums, donors, investors, partners, and potential collaborators curious to learn about your projects & you. This is an opportunity to showcase your work, potentially take your project to the next level, and celebrate your work. The summit requires you to be in person at no financial cost to you and is followed by a retreat weekend!

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This program is built for the next generation of food system leaders. If that is you, apply today.



Eligibility

Our program is designed for undergraduate students, however, people who are pursuing a graduate degree are welcome to apply. This program is not open to high school students. If you have questions about your eligibility, please reach out.

Stipend

To accommodate the full-time, in-person demands of the summer, The Farmlink Project provides a \$6,000 living stipend and covers travel and relocation expenses for those moving to a new destination for Phase 2. During Phase 3, we offer a needs-based stipend. We understand that project development work may take time away from other paid opportunities, and we aim to ensure participants can fully commit to the program without financial stress.

2025 Schedule

A 9-month program that demands as much time as a college course during phase 1 and 3, requires full-time work during the summer immersion, phase 2, and attendance of our annual summit. Fellows must commit to participate in the program's entirety.

- Phase 1: March 2 - May 8
 - Virtual, ~10 hours weekly
- Phase 2
 - In Person, 40 hours weekly
 - Dates determined with your immersion partner, flexible to all school schedules
- Phase 3: August 31 - November 6
 - Remote, ~10 hours weekly
 - In Person, Summit Event (Nov 6)

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