



GrowinG continues recruiting interns and hosts for 2024

GrowinG Beginning Farmers & Ranchers in Wyoming

The GrowinG Internship Program is now accepting applications for 2024. Internships are funded through a USDA Beginning Farmers and Ranchers project offering educational and practical experience to qualified applicants. “The goal of the program is to provide interns with hands-on internships at a working farms or ranches, in cooperation with Wyoming producer organizations and educational institutions,” explained Kendra Faucett, program coordinator. Potential interns and site hosts are encouraged to apply soon, as our team and state committee will begin reviewing applications February 2, 2024.

The program provides \$5,000 stipends for a 10-week work experience. Eligible applicants are 18 years or older who identify as ready to begin farming/ranching or who have been involved in managing their own agricultural enterprise fewer than 10 years.

Interns

Selected interns spend 10 weeks on a host farm or ranch assisting with daily activities and learning from the manager and others. Accepted candidates work with the site host to establish start and end dates once an award has been made. Interns also take part in at least one agricultural educational event, such as a UW Extension field day or producer workshop, within the timeframe of their internship.

“Short work summaries submitted weekly help the intern reflect on day-to-day work and educational experiences throughout the internship,” noted Ben Rashford one of the project co-directors (See [GrowinG-WY.org/post/Intern_Tales](https://growinG-WY.org/post/Intern_Tales)). 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.

Hosts

Selected hosts agree to provide room and board during the internship. Hosts work with the intern to provide safe, meaningful learning experiences, keeping in mind their educational objectives where possible. “We encourage interested interns and potential hosts to apply now,” said John Hewlett project co-director. “A state committee will help select candidates and match interns with host sites, beginning the second week of February 2024.”

Applications

Online application forms for 2024 internships are available at GrowinG-WY.org. 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 coordinator@GrowinG-WY.org or GrowinG-WY.org.

2023 GrowinG Internship Program Highlights

- Awarded 13 internships, up from 2022
- Hosts from 13 towns and 9 counties across Wyoming
- Moodle communication & training interface added
- UW Giving Day total contributions over \$27,000
- Coordinators participate in the National BFRDP Directors Conference



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