

## Urban Agriculture Summer Stipend Opportunity for College of Agriculture Students

- Are you interested in Urban & Community Agriculture?
- Would you like to gain experience in this emerging field with respect to plant science, foods & nutrition, agriculture education and/or agribusiness?
- Would you like to earn \$400 and add an experiential learning project to your resume this summer?

We have 3 spaces open for a summer stipend project with College of Ag Professors Dr. Eileen Cullen and Dr. Aaron Fox and RootDown LA (RDLA).

**RootDown LA** is a youth-run non-profit committed to bringing better food and nutrition education to neighborhoods in South L.A. You can check them out below:

Website: <http://www.rootdownla.org>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/rootdownla>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/RootDown-LA/125870417444952?sk=timeline>

**Project Description:** RootDown LA has developed a 13-week horticultural and entrepreneurial community garden, culinary and nutrition training. More info here: <http://www.rootdownla.org/home/>. Cal Poly Pomona is forming a small faculty/student team to review the training materials and meet with RootDown LA youth and staff for half-day in August to share feedback and discuss opportunities for connecting Cal Poly Pomona College of Ag students and hands-on urban agriculture projects with RootDown LA. This can include pathways for South L.A. youth to enter the agricultural sciences at CPP, and for CPP students to conduct internships in urban agriculture in the community.

**Duties:** Each CPP team member (Professors Cullen and Fox, and 3 Cal Poly Pomona students) will review RootDown LA's youth training materials and become familiar with the material enough to share ideas, suggestions, and talk with RootDown LA youth and staff about the training and how it can connect with student interest, academics and clubs, etc. at CPP. Three student duties for this stipend position:

**a.** Materials review on your own time, and prep meeting or phone call with Profs. Cullen and Fox (1-5 hours).

**b.** Curriculum review meeting and lunch with RootDown LA staff/youth: (3-5 hours). Half day in South L.A. at RootDown LA headquarters. Transportation will be provided from CPP campus to RootDown LA, or you may meet the CPP team there. This meeting will be in August based on availability of CPP students selected.

c. Follow up tasks and events: 4-6 hours (can be done fall semester).

**Each student will receive a \$400 stipend for their involvement** as university students in fulfilling duties a. - c. above. **Estimated time commitment 8-16 hours total over 2-3 days.**

**Qualifications:** Cal Poly Pomona student in Plant Science, Agricultural Science, Foods & Nutrition, or Agribusiness & Food Industry Management. Undergraduate or Graduate. Availability and commitment to meet one half-day in mid- to late August with CPP team at RootDown LA headquarters in South L.A.

**To Apply:** Please send your resume and a short (250 words) description of a) your interest in urban agriculture, education, nutrition and/or business and b) how you feel you can contribute to the project. In addition, please include your Major, relevant coursework, GPA, contact information for 1-2 references, and any dates in August that you are unavailable for the half-day meeting at RootDown LA.

**Send the above underlined information by Email to:** Prof. Eileen Cullen, Plant Science Department : [emcullen@cpp.edu](mailto:emcullen@cpp.edu)

**Deadline:** To ensure consideration for one of the 3 available team spots, please Email application materials to Dr. Cullen by **Monday, July 27th 2015.**

All of us at CPP and RootDown LA are excited for this project and we look forward to receiving your application and statement of interest!

Best regards,  
Professor Eileen Cullen & Professor Aaron Fox