



## Missouri Coalition for the Environment

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### Farm Justice Intern

Industrial animal agriculture is one of the most threatening activities to our environment and our health. It is also a dangerous industry for farmworkers, often Latinx migrants. MCE recently developed an advocacy toolkit to help Missourians address concerns from Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs), also known as factory farms. MCE collaborates with state and local level groups across Missouri to address these harms in a multitude of ways. We are looking for an intern who is interested in learning more about our food system in Missouri, how policy plays a role in the state of our food system, and eager to support powerful collaborative change to protect Missourians' health and environment. Join us in this important fight for environmental justice and health equity!

#### Tasks:

- Researching laws and regulations that advance greater protection from agricultural waste, CAFO construction and expansion, and other harms from our industrial food system.
- Participating in meetings with our partners in Missouri and nationwide on policy opportunities related to ending corporate consolidation, addressing climate change within the agriculture sector, and immigration reform with a focus on migrant agricultural workers.
- Supporting communication efforts with the CAFO Advocacy Network (CAN) of advocacy opportunities
- Help organize, analyze, and map data collected from MCE and partners, including data on water quality, reported safety concerns from CAFO workers, and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) permit violations.
- Create graphics and handouts related to the concerns we are tracking to help raise awareness of the issues and mobilize people to act

#### Qualifications:

- Studying environmental science, sustainability, public health, food systems, environmental justice, or a related field.
- Interest in the impacts of agriculture on our environment and health
- Interest in supporting migrant workers in their fight for proper safety, wellness, and financial protections
- Interest in understanding the intersections of health, agriculture, environment, and social justice

- Ability to work independently as well as part of a team
- Ability to work remotely during COVID-19
- Strong written communication skills
- Comfortability and/or willingness to make phone calls to new contacts, such as government officials and other stakeholders
- Comfortability and/or willingness to send emails to MCE members, partners, and others involved in the CAFO fight
- Experience with independent research
- Experience with graphic design programs is a plus, such as Canva, LucidPress, and InDesign

**Hours:** Remotely, 16-24 hours/week. Internships with MCE typically qualify for course credit or independent study.

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**To apply:** Send resume, cover letter, and writing sample to Melissa Vatterott at [mvatterott@moenviron.org](mailto:mvatterott@moenviron.org) with "Farm Justice Intern" in the subject line.

**Deadline to apply:** May 1, 2021