

Known & Grown STL Farm to Table Intern

The goal of this position is to help increase sourcing from Known & Grown (K&G) farmers at restaurants in the St. Louis area. This position will involve communicating with chefs, restaurant owners, K&G farmers, and working closely with staffers at Known & Grown STL and the Green Dining Alliance (GDA).

Internship tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Communicate with chefs in GDA's chef network to determine what produce, meat, or other local products could potentially be sourced from K&G farmers
- Work with K&G farmers that are seeking additional restaurant clients
 - Communication with chefs and farmers may include phone, email, and in-person meetings
- Evaluate what makes a successful farm-to-restaurant relationship
 - Communicate best practices with farmers.
- Coordinate purchases between chefs and farmers, and assess barriers in the process
- Help restaurants with price comparison between local and non-local options
- Educate restaurants on what Known & Grown means and how these farmers may be different from other “local” options. Also educate them on the “golden beet” farmers within Known & Grown
- Potential for working with restaurants on how to market their Known & Grown purchases to customers
 - This work would be in partnership with the Known & Grown marketing intern
- Work on and improve our restaurant toolkit for K&G specials
- Work with K&G marketing intern and staff to promote and plan any K&G events

Qualifications:

- Background or strong interest in food service, food systems, and/or environmental stewardship is preferred
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Experience in outreach is a plus
- Comfortable and confident meeting one-on-one with new people
- Ability to work independently and take initiative
- Ability to travel to restaurants as needed

Internship is approximately 16-24 hours/week for 12 weeks. Please send resume and cover letter to both Rae Miller at rmiller@moenviron.org and Jenn DeRose at jderose@moenviron.org with “K&G Farm to Table Intern” in the subject line.

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