Students for Global Food Security Program Details:

Main Goals and Responsibilities for Participants:

- Interaction with rural households in local communities
- Assessment of agricultural practices, food systems and market opportunities through interviews and participant observation
- Identification of opportunities for agricultural data
- Support training sessions

When: Internships will begin on June 2nd, 2014 and will last a minimum of 4 weeks.

*Internships will be supervised by the Office of International Programs and in coordination with local NGOs as included below:

UGANDA

1. BUSAINO Fruit ([http://apf-uganda.ning.com/group/busaino-fruits](http://apf-uganda.ning.com/group/busaino-fruits)) is involved in production of organic fruits including jackfruit, avocado and mangoes on a large scale in the districts of Jinja ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jinja,_Uganda](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jinja,_Uganda)). It also promotes agro-tourism and conduct on-farm learning and committed to developing revenue opportunities for local farmers. Students (2) will support efforts to improve local practices and position produce in local and foreign markets. Gender perspectives are relevant. Contact person: Judith Bakyria

2. Conservation and Ecosystem Health Alliance, CEHA, ([http://www.ceha.co/contact_us.php](http://www.ceha.co/contact_us.php)) is dedicated to promote conservation of wildlife with emphasis on the great apes throughout the entire home range while addressing all ecosystem issues that sustain co-existence of wildlife, humans, and livestock in the Albertine Ecosystem ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albertine_Rift](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albertine_Rift)) more specifically in the area surrounding the Queen Elizabeth Park. Interested students (2) will assess food systems and rural livelihoods in the area. They will contribute to developing a strategy for sustainability in a region that might be affected by oil extraction and energy development projects. Contact Person: Lawrence Mugisha

CAMEROON

1. Mary T. Scholars: This is an initiative dedicated to support development projects in the Bamenda region, Cameroon ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bamenda](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bamenda)). Through the coordination of this program, students (2) will work with local NGOs (Angel of Mercy
and Heifer Project) and committees on promoting agricultural sustainability and improving rural revenue. Contact Person: Martin Fru-Ndi

Financial Assistance:

Successful candidates will receive a scholarship to partially pay for travel expenses. Each selected participant will receive a $1,500 scholarship.

To Apply:

Applications are due April 15 to Pedro Bidegaray at pbidegar@umn.edu

Selection of these students will be based on the following

- Academic Excellency
- A written essay that:
  - demonstrates understanding of the challenges involved by the specific
  - describes how this project links to major and professional growth.
  - describes ability to communicate across diversity and addresses the importance of global awareness in the present time
  - identifies a faculty member who could provide technical expertise if needed
  - willingness to participate in 10 hours of pre-departure orientation

Decisions for 2014 will be made by April 22, 2014

Please direct any questions to Pedro Bidegaray.