



Strategic Initiatives, Food Strategy Internship

The Rhode Island Commerce Corporation is seeking candidates for an internship opportunity to work with the Director of Food Strategy from through Spring 2023 (flexible).

Organizational Overview

The Rhode Island Commerce Corporation, as the official economic development arm of the State of Rhode Island, works to drive prosperity in the state and help Rhode Island businesses and residents thrive. A quasi-public agency, the Commerce Corporation serves as a government and community resource to help boost business expansion in, and relocation to, Rhode Island. We are a passionate, innovative, driven, and resourceful team inspired by the belief that we can expand opportunities so that more Rhode Islanders are able to succeed. We enjoy working for an administration that is truly invested in improving Rhode Island for all Rhode Islanders. People skilled at advancing strategic change in a fast-paced, dynamic environment thrive here. You can learn more about RI Commerce at <http://commerceri.com>.

Description of Work

The Strategic Initiatives, Food Strategy Intern will work with the Director of Food Strategy to implement strategic initiatives and inform policies which contribute to objectives outlined in the 2017 State Food Strategy "Relish Rhody". Interns will have an opportunity to apply food systems knowledge and gain valuable project management skills within a government setting which may include food policy research, strategic planning and stakeholder engagement as well as grant writing and program development.

Additionally, the Strategic Food Initiatives Intern will have the opportunity to be part of a dynamic and cross-organizational food systems strategy team in state, comprised of RI Commerce, Department of Environmental Management, Department of Health as well as several local partners. Interns in our office are afforded a rewarding and challenging professional environment, with the benefits of both independent and collaborative work-styles. Interns get exposure to many community partners and have varied networking opportunities. They will also have mentorship from and one-on-one relationships with key RI Commerce personnel.

The successful candidate:

- Has at least 2 years educational or professional experience in a food-related field, food systems, agriculture, nutrition, policy and or an equivalent
- Ability to manage multiple competing priorities in a fast-paced work environment
- Is self-motivated, creative and organized
- Has strong analytical, problem-solving and critical thinking skills
- Has the ability to work independently and navigate multiple projects at a time
- Has strong communications and presentation skills
- Proficient with Microsoft Office products

The internship is paid at \$18/hr. for 15-20 hours per week with a hybrid schedule of some remote and in-person work at the RI Commerce offices. Some local travel may be involved and will be reimbursed.

Candidates should submit a brief cover letter and professional resume via email to:

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