2016 Summer Aquaponics Internship
USC Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies

Description: The USC Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies (WIES) is looking for a summer intern to assist with aquaponics programs at the USC Wrigley Marine Science Center (WMSC) on Catalina Island, CA. Working closely with WIES staff and community non-profit partners, the intern can expect to gain practical skills in growing food from an aquaponics system, learn research techniques, strengthen communication skills through education and outreach initiatives, and broaden their professional network.

Interns will assist with:
- maintenance of a 500+ gallon aquaponics system, including monitoring and troubleshooting
- growing operations, including planting/harvesting plants and fish care
- research to investigate microbial diversity and function
- education and outreach activities

Qualifications:
- Available to work 30-35 hours/week at the WMSC at Catalina Island from June 20 – August 11, 2016 (8 weeks)
- Experience with aquaponics desired, but not required (e.g., participation in a Wrigley Institute aquaponics workshop, previous internship or work experience with any Aquaponics program or organization, maintenance of a personal aquaponics system, etc.)
- Current USC undergraduate student or recent graduate (<1 year)
- Passionate about sustainable food production
- Science background/coursework desired, but not required

Compensation includes:
- Housing and all meals at the WMSC on Catalina Island for the entire 8 week period
- Boat transportation to and from Catalina Island (Mon-Fri boats are available throughout the summer)
- $3,200 stipend

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume or CV to: dianekim@usc.edu