



Research Intern

We currently have a vacancy for a paid intern to join our policy and research team for up to six months, with the possibility of a longer position, subject to aptitude and progress.

The successful applicant is likely to have a good science degree, as well as an interest in, and ideally, some knowledge of, agroecological, regenerative and other sustainable food systems, especially as they relate to the UK.

The position is predominantly home-based, but you will work closely with other members of the team, by email, Zoom meetings and phone calls. You will be eligible to join weekly meetings of all SFT staff, where updates on current projects are discussed. If you live near enough to Bristol there will be the opportunity to meet up with other research team members in the office.

We are looking for someone interested in how we can continue to produce adequate amounts of nutritious food to support a healthy population, without destroying the ecosystems that support all life. You will be expected to review, assess and analyse critically, both existing and emerging science, and take part in discussions within the research team and the organisation more widely.

You will be undertaking research to support the production of policy reports, briefing papers, press releases and replies to enquiries from journalists and others. You may also be asked to write or contribute to articles to be published on our website and undertake other tasks. You will be introduced to a wide range of often complex issues relating to land-based food production, in connection with climate change, biodiversity, food security, human health, water and air quality, sustainable use of non-renewable resources, pollution and more. Regular feedback and advice will be provided.

Before applying, please look at the Sustainable Food Trust website to familiarise yourself with our work and only apply if you have a strong interest in what we do and feel you meet the basic criteria set out here. If you would like to apply, please send a CV (to include A-level subjects studied and grades) and short covering email (equivalent to no more than one side of A4) to imogen@sustainablefoodtrust.org, explaining your interest in the position. Please also attach a two-page extract of something you have written.

The position is full-time and will commence as soon as the successful candidate is available, but there will be flexibility in terms of when the hours are worked. We would also consider making this a part-time position for an outstanding candidate, if that suits better. Remuneration will be a freelance hourly rate, based on the living wage.

All applications received by 9.00 am on Tuesday 20 September will be assessed, but early application would be appreciated, and we may begin interviews before then. Late applications may still be considered but this cannot be guaranteed. If we receive a large number of applications, we may not be able to reply to everyone, but would like to thank you in advance for your interest.