

Fellowship Opportunity

2025–26 Bonnie Reiss Leading on Climate Student Fellowship: Sustainable Agriculture and Food Fellow

The [Nutrition Policy Institute](#) (NPI) at the University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources is seeking a graduate student fellow to join our efforts improve food and nutrition security among currently and formerly incarcerated individuals in California. Our [Farm to Corrections](#) project team has been working to implement and evaluate a Harvest of the Month pilot program, which is working with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to procure local and seasonal produce from small and medium family farms and deliver trauma-informed nutrition education to formerly incarcerated individuals and their family members. This fellowship is an excellent opportunity to gain hands-on public health and nutrition research and program experience while gaining exposure to a team of public health nutrition and food policy experts. This project is a collaboration between NPI and [Impact Justice](#).

This fellowship opportunity is part of the [2025-2026 UC Bonnie Reiss Leading on Climate Student Fellowship Program](#). The Program supports the UC's climate goals by reducing greenhouse gas emission and establishing climate programs and policies centered on equity, sustainability, and resiliency. The Program funds student-generated research, related projects or internships that focus on regenerative agriculture, sustainable food systems, or sustainable food service operations, and climate resiliency planning. All 10 UC campuses plus the UC Agriculture and Natural Resources and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory are participating in the program.

Fellows will be part of the Sustainable Agriculture and Food Fellow cohort. In addition to working with the NPI team, fellows will participate in systemwide activities, including a virtual orientation and leadership training in fall 2025, quarterly Fellows meetings, ongoing trainings, a closing symposium and poster presentation, and additional cohort building and continuing education activities. Student Fellows will submit periodic progress reports and a final report at the end of their fellowship.

Fellows will have the opportunity to engage with our Farm to Corrections project in a number of ways, including:

- Conducting program evaluation, which includes qualitative and quantitative data analysis, preparing research/policy briefs, reports, and articles for submission to peer-reviewed journals, and presenting findings at professional meetings, webinars, and legislative visits.
- Identifying and collaborating with food distribution hubs and other local food aggregators.
- Recruiting, training, and supporting nutrition education facilitators.

- Advocating for policies that encourage the continued and expanded procurement of local food by CDCR.

Required Qualifications:

- Current University of California graduate student in good standing

Preferred Skills/Qualifications

- Knowledge of nutrition, sustainable food systems, sustainable supply chains, food policy, and/or public health
- Familiarity with qualitative and quantitative software programs
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Strong organizational skills

Fellowship Description:

- 10-month commitment (September 2025 – July 2026)
- Stipend: \$5,000

To apply, please email your resume and a cover letter detailing your interest and experience to Cassandra Bacon (kabacon@ucanr.edu) by July 31, 2025. Questions? Contact Cassandra Bacon at kabacon@ucanr.edu.