Dear Professor Droxler,

I am writing to let you know about three opportunities for students to work remotely with Food Tank: The Food Think Tank during the fall and spring semesters. I'm hoping that you will share these with your students and other faculty.

1. We are developing a resource database to give farmers, nutritionists, professors, chefs, urban gardeners, advocates, scientists, policy-makers, and others involved in the food system the actionable data and information they need to make better decisions and take effective actions.

As part of the database we are looking to create profiles of 1,000 indigenous fruits and vegetables from around the world. We are looking for students interns to each commit to writing 25 over the course of the semester working with our staff. Each one of these articles will be roughly 300-500 words and follow a standard format that involves both research as well as opportunities for creative writing. While these positions are unpaid, interns will get their bylines included in the entries they create for the database and some will be featured on the homepage of Food Tank.

2. We are looking for students to write for our “agriculture innovations” series that will be published weekly on the Food Tank homepage starting in September. These are 500-700 words and will feature innovations that are offering environmentally sustainable ways of alleviating hunger, obesity, and poverty that can be replicated and scaled up.
We are looking for each intern to commit to writing five of these innovations. They will be asked to conduct interviews and integrate and compile new and existing research—we hope to make these innovations appeal to as broad an audience as possible. While unpaid, students will get their bylines published alongside their write-ups and have the opportunity to work directly with Food Tank leadership.

3. The third opportunity is that Food Tank has many existing media partnerships including the Huffington Post, the Christian Science Monitor, the Mail and Guardian (South Africa), and dozens of others. We are looking for a very selective group of talented writers to work directly with our staff on op-eds, columns, and articles for publication in major news outlets.

Students will get their bylines included and will be asked to conduct high-level research, fact-checking, original reporting, interviews, and analysis. Previous interns have been published with me in USA Today, the China Daily, the Guardian (UK), Le Monde (France), the Miami Herald, the Boston Globe, the San Francisco Chronicle, and dozens of other major national and global outlets.

For all three of these opportunities students should list which one interests them the most, provide three writing samples, a resume, and three references. Students will then be asked for an interview so we can best match their interests with our existing work plan. They can send completed applications to me at Danielle@FoodTank.org.

Thanks so much in advance for making these opportunities available to students. We would also be happy to work with academic institutions on providing written evaluations of student performance, progress reporting, etc.

Thank you very much for your time!

All The Best,

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