

# The Center for Land-Based Learning

## Native Plant Propagation Intern.

The Center for Land Based Learning (CLBL) is a unique non-profit organization dedicated to the education of youth and the greater public about production and ecological issues associated with agriculture. The CLBL currently operates three major programs. These programs are the FARMS Leadership program, the SLEWS program and the Farm on Putah Creek. Both the FARMS and SLEWS programs work directly with local high schools, providing hands on field based education in agriculture and restoration ecology across the state of California.

The Farm on Putah Creek is a farm and nature center, which hosts visitors of all ages and backgrounds interested in seeing real-world applications of the principles underlying its wildlife-friendly agricultural and conservation practices. This includes tail-water ponds and sediment traps, riparian buffer strips and upland restoration, insectary hedgerows – including native pollinator habitat - and native windbreaks. The Farm is a collaboration between the CLBL and Audubon California. The Farm also serves as the headquarters for the CLBL.

The Farm on Putah Creek is currently seeking a part time intern to assist with the native plant propagation program. This is an unpaid position starting in October through December and then picking back up in February through May. Potential candidates are not required to work the entire schedule and may choose to participate in either the fall or spring section. The intern would work 5 to 20 hrs per week under the direction of the Farm Manager assisting in growing and maintaining California native plants. The intern would also have the opportunity to work with Audubon California, the public and high school students on seed collection and various educational field days and tours on the Farm.

### **Job responsibilities:**

- Assist Audubon California staff with native seed collection.
- Process, index and store collected seed
- Apply specific seed treatments to promote seed germination.
- Germinate seeds and maintain seedlings and transplant when appropriate.
- Monitor plant growth and facilities operation.
- Potentially assist in Farm tours and educational field days associated with plant propagation topics or activities.

### **Qualifications:**

- Ability to do physical labor including but not limited to: Hiking and carrying a backpack and buckets, shoveling and mixing various soil components, standing on hard surfaces for extended periods of time, lifting and carrying plant trays not exceeding 40 pounds.
- Excellent communication skills with Farm Manager, Audubon staff, CLBL staff, visitors to the Farm, volunteers, students, and educators.
- Ability to execute tasks both independently and as part of a team.
- Ability to work flexible hours
- A love for growing plants.

### **Desirable skills and training (Important but not required):**

- An understanding of propagation and plant growth techniques.
- Green house and or farm related work experience.
- An understanding/interest in local agriculture, habitat restoration, and agricultural/environmental education operations and issues.
- Ability to communicate in Spanish.

**Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to Michael Barnes via email: [Michael@landbasedlearning.org](mailto:Michael@landbasedlearning.org) or send a hardcopy to 5265 Putah Creek Road Winters, CA 95694.**

**For fall position please respond by October 15<sup>th</sup> 2006  
For spring position please respond by January 15<sup>th</sup> 2007**