

***Ohio Aquaculture Association***

***Matching Aquaculture Internship Program***

1. ***Background***: The Ohio Aquaculture Association (hereafter OAA) has received a one-time grant of $15,000 from the USDA to create a one-of-a-kind Matching Internship Program for new & beginning aquaculture farmers in Ohio. Aquaculture & Aquaponics are two of the fastest growing sectors in Ohio agriculture. The OAA and the Aquaculture Program at OSU’s South Centers have partnered to provide business development and mentoring opportunities for new & beginning farmers to enhance the likelihood of their success. The goals of this internship program are to 1) provide apprentice-type, hands-on training opportunities to new & beginning farmers and 2) transfer the vast knowledge of established, successful culturists to the next generation of aquaculture & aquaponic farmers.
2. ***Financial Specifics:*** The OAA will provide up to 10 matching internships with active OAA members with established aquaculture & aquaponic farms throughout Ohio during the period February 1, 2014 – August 15, 2015. The OAA will provide up to $1500 to the OAA member/farm owner to partially defray the cost of paying an intern for their operation. All $1500 must be used for the intern’s salary. The farm owner, by entering into an agreement with the OAA, must match or exceed the $1500 provided by the OAA such that the total intern pay package is at least $3000. The OAA will provide the farm owner the $1500 at the conclusion of the internship and upon receipt of time sheets and a one-page report (see below). In the event that more than 10 applications are received, the OAA reserves the right to prioritize them for funding based on the joint application received from the farm owners and prospective intern.
3. ***Allowable Apprenticeship Activities:*** The funds provided by the OAA and the farm’s matching funds must be used in the day-to-day farming activities of the farm. Examples include but are not limited to fish husbandry, aquaponic planting & harvesting, water quality testing, general maintenance associated with fish culture and/or aquaponics, and market development (jointly with owner). Examples not allowed include but are not limited to mowing grass or vehicle maintenance.
4. ***Report:*** At the conclusion of the internship, a one-page report will be submitted to the OAA providing a synopsis of the apprenticeship training, focusing on skills acquired and strategies to improve the program should additional funding be acquired. While either the owner or intern may develop the report, it is the preference of the OAA that the intern write the report initially and the farm owner review it jointly with the intern and then with the OAA Board.



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Farm Application

(to be completed by owner)

1. ***Farm Contact Information***

Name of Farm: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Website (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. ***Farm Description (must grow fish either alone or as part of aquaponics)***

Fish Species Grown: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Plant Species Grown (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Describe Size of Operation (# of ponds, pond sizes, # of greenhouses and sizes etc):

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1. ***Apprenticeship Activities Provided:***

Describe Activities & Responsibilities of the Intern: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. ***Projected time frame of the internship (i.e. July 2014 – August 2014; 20 hours/week):***

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1. ***Owner Agreement & Signature***

I agree to provide matching funds of at least $1500.00, provide apprenticeship style, hand-on training of aquaculture and/or aquaponics husbandry, and a one page, final report.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_



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Internship Application

(to be completed by prospective intern)

1. ***Intern Contact Information***

Name of Intern: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. ***Aquaculture and/or Aquaponics Goal***

Briefly Describe Your Current, New Operation or Future Operation:

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1. ***Apprenticeship Activities Desired:***

Briefly Describe the Learning Outcomes You Hope to Attain with the Internship: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. ***Intern Signature***

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Send both Applications to:***

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