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Organization Mission: Our mission is to cultivate sustainable farming practices that help restore our planet's natural resources and feed people more responsibly.

Internship Semester: Summer 2020

Project Title #1: Insect Farm Social Franchise Pilot

Keywords: Sustainable Programs and Initiatives, Data Collection & Analysis, Marketing & Communications

SLS Priority Issue Areas: Equitable and Sustainable Development, U.N. Sustainable Development Goals

Project Background: This project is a continuation of a current project. This project is important to our organization because this business model represents our innovative solution and supports our intended impact in the community. The problem we will address is that conventional farming of traditional livestock (poultry, pork and beef) is unsustainable to meet current and future protein demands. Such farming practices significantly destroy and deplete our natural resources, are highly inefficient and also expensive to produce, resulting in poor health outcomes for animals, humans, and the environment. This is a team project and was worked on previously by SLS interns.

Project Timeline: This pilot project is scheduled to run 12 months - approximately ending around December 2020. Thus, students will work on the project, but are not anticipated to complete it.

Desired skills and qualifications: Marketing/Business, Computer Science/Coding, Sustainable Energy


Project Title #2: Cultural Change to Sustainability

Keywords: Community Outreach, Engineering/Manufacturing, Civic Engagement

SLS Priority Issue Areas: Community Health, Civic Data

Project Background: This project is a new project. This project is important to our organization because it is important for us to identify, track and manage the triggers that drive cultural change to sustainability in communities with whom we connect using our business model. The problem we want to address is that traditional livestock is inefficiently produced, and least accessible to under-served communities, plus less affordable or healthy. This project will support our goal to improve health in the community. This project can be worked on alone or with a team.

Project Timeline: This pilot project is scheduled to run 12 months - approximately ending around December 2020. Thus, students will work on the project, but are not anticipated to complete it.
Desired skills and qualifications: Sociology, Environmental Policy/Public Policy, Computer Science/Data Analysis