

Now Hiring! UA Mesquite Bean Harvest Coordinator

The UA Office of Sustainability is accepting applications from UA students for a part-time paid internship to coordinate the harvest of flour milled from mesquite tree pods and its use in Union restaurant and catering menus this coming year. The Coordinator will be supervised by the Director of the Office of Sustainability and supported by a small working group representing key UA units. The Coordinator will be responsible for the following tasks:

- Work with Campus Arboretum and FM grounds crews to identify native mesquite trees producing high-quality mesquite flour
- Work with harvest working group to develop overall business plan, flour-based products for sale, and budget for mesquite flour product(s)
- Plan summer harvest, recruit harvesters, and lead harvest activities
- Coordinate with Union Dining Services on storage and processing of bean pods, and the development of potential menu items
- Coordinate milling of bean pods into mesquite flour
- Lead and coordinate product marketing & packaging design
- Develop metrics to track, evaluate, and report project activities and outcomes

View a short video of our pilot project last summer here: <http://uanews.org/node/35705>

The Coordinator position will begin as soon as possible, with current funding through the end of the Fall 2011 semester. Pay is set at \$10/hr. Hours worked will vary from week to week but are expected to average 10-15 hours per week over the duration of the internship. Work schedule will be flexible and can generally be worked around class times.

Minimum Qualifications:

UA student in good academic standing
In Tucson during the summer break and Fall 2011 semester
Strong interest in sustainability issues
Excellent communication and organizational skills
Ability to work both independently and on a team
Proficiency in Microsoft Office program suite (Excel, Word, PowerPoint)

Preferred:

Experience in project management, business, or retail sales
Enrollment in Eller College of Management or Retail and Consumer Sciences program

To be considered, submit one hardcopy resume and cover letter to Joe Abraham, Director of the UA Office of Sustainability by Thursday, May 12. Interviews will start as early as Friday May 13.

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