The Fort Collins Food Cooperative

Internship Opportunities

The Food Cooperative

Founded by the community, for the community, the Fort Collins Food Cooperative operates by a different set of values than other retail health food stores. We’re your friendly neighborhood grocery store, run democratically, and here to serve our member-owners, rather than wealthy stockholders in another state.

The Co-op difference

- Not-for-profit
- Community based and open to all
- Dedicated to responsible recycling, composting and food donation
- Often offer the first marketing opportunity to new, local, vendors
- Strongly believe in the power of recirculating dollars in the local economy
- Value farmland over building sprawl
- Educate consumers about their food
- Research each product that hits our shelves for product purity and production integrity
- Choose local and organic everyday (not just when convenient)

The Food Co-op opts for sustainability over blind profitability. This means that we often buck the trends in food service when we believe that a higher value can be promoted — using whole ingredients instead of processed foods, bulk instead of pre-packaged, locally grown instead of cheap and imported. As other businesses “jump on the bandwagon” temporarily, there are few assurances that what they say is truly what they value. The Co-op however, has always been about our community, and we’ve valued sustainability since our inception.

The Co-op benefits

- You help shape the local food system
- You help the local economy
- You support local farmers and producers
- You join a community committed to less packaging and better ingredients
- You get discounts at selected local businesses
- You get a 20% discount on bulk/case purchases
- You get voting rights for our Board of Director elections
- You get a profit sharing dividend at the end of the year
- You get access to monthly member-owner sales

Internships at the Fort Collins Food Co-op
Bloggers: Join our community, educate people, and share your perspectives on the value of shopping at the Food Cooperative, the Seven Cooperative Principles (see our website https://www.fcfood.coop), sustainable food practices, walking the “local” talk, the amazing products sold at the Co-op, featured recipes, our deli, and more.

Crowd Funding Campaign: Help us pay off our loan, become debt free, and share the benefits of financial independence with our member-owners. Network and collaborate with people and organizations around the globe and, at the same time, develop invaluable professional skills that will enhance your resume and job prospects.

YouTube Videos: Showcase the benefits and joys of shopping at the Cooperative with folks on social media. Create videos that educate people on a range of topics: Shopping for a week’s worth of food, buying in bulk, planning a party, fixing a romantic dinner, buying organic, eating on a budget, managing a unique food preference or diet, how and where to park, and more. Help us spread the word, draw folks into the store, and have fun.

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