



**About This Role:**

Johnson County K-State Research and Extension in partnership with K-State Research and Extension Local Food Systems is seeking a Local Food Fellow to complete the local food system project. This project will entail doing a full analysis of community gardens within Johnson County, Ks, creating a database of their locations, management, community contributions, and educational needs.

This full-time, 320-hour fellowship will occur between June 2 – August 1, 2025.

**Location:**

This is an in-person position located at:

*11811 S. Sunset Dr. Suite 1500 Olathe, Ks 66061*

**Responsibilities:**

- Identify and map community garden locations with information pertinent to each garden using Johnson County Automated Information Mapping System (AIMS).
- Research local data on food insecurity, low-resource communities, and food pantries, and map accordingly to examine the correlation between access, or lack of access, of local foods through community gardens.
- Work with community stakeholders and partners to gather information and create an assessment of current knowledge, access, and needs of JoCo community gardens.
- Examine the requirements per city, knowledge gaps in startup and operation, perceptions and attitudes, utilization of produce, and more.
- Use various methods to gather community data including focus groups, informal interviews, and research of community garden trends.
- Create an outreach and education plan to increase utilization of community gardens and ultimately increase local food production. Create a road map for how that outreach and education will be implemented targeting the needs of the community.
- If time permits, implement one aspect of the outreach and education plan.
- Complete final report to be submitted to K-State Research and Extension Local Food Systems Program Coordinator before finishing fellowship time period.

**Why Join Us:**

Johnson County K-State Extension is an organization of dedicated, passionate, hardworking staff who collaborate and connect people with university supported education, resources, and services – through volunteers, community, and partner organizations. Join us for this important work as we aim to assist our local food system.

For more information about K-State Research and Extension Local Food Systems, please visit <http://www.kansaslocalfoods.org/>

**We Support Diversity and Inclusion:**

Kansas State University embraces diversity and inclusion. The university actively seeks individuals who foster a collegial environment and cooperative interactions with coworkers, students, and others. The University is dedicated to promoting the **Principles of Community**.

**What You'll Need to Succeed:**

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- Hourly student employees must be a KSU student and, during period of appointment, must be enrolled in at least one credit hour at KSU during the summer session. (Enrollment is not required during the summer session for those enrolled in at least six credit hours at KSU during the preceding spring semester or for those pre-enrolled in the upcoming fall in at least 6 credit hours or for those admitted to study in the upcoming fall.)
- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, and with individuals or groups.
- Possess computer skills including email, internet, and Microsoft Office Programs.
- Must be studying local food systems, horticulture, nutrition, or an adjacent field.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Experience working with individuals, groups, and co-workers to accomplish individual and/or group goals, as evidenced by previous leadership roles.
- Experience working with diverse audiences.
- Graduate school work in food systems or an adjacent field.
- Experience with self-lead work on project initiatives.

**Other Requirements:**

- Applicants must be currently authorized to work in the United States at the time of employment.

**How to Apply:**

Please submit the following documents to Amanda Lindahl, K-State Local Food System Program Coordinator, [alindahl@ksu.edu](mailto:alindahl@ksu.edu) and Anthony Reardon, [anthon3@ksu.edu](mailto:anthon3@ksu.edu):

1. Letter of interest
2. Resume

**Screening of Applications Begins:**

February 3, 2025

**Anticipated Hiring Hourly Rate:**

\$17.50 / hr

**Equal Employment Opportunity:**

Kansas State University is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, age, national origin, disability, or status as a protected veteran.