

About This Role:

K-State Research and Extension Douglas County in partnership with K-State Research and Extension Local Food Systems is seeking a Local Food Fellow to complete a local food system project focusing on improving accessibility of locally grown food.

This part-time, 16-week fellowship will run from February - May, 2025 or 320-hours total. The exact start and end time for the fellowship is negotiable depending on candidate availability.

Responsibilities:

- The primary responsibility for this position will be to support the local food strategy for the food security priority for the Douglas County's community health improvement plan.
- Work collaboratively with community partners to identify opportunities to improve access to locally grown food. Community partners for this project include but are not limited to LiveWell Douglas County, Lawrence Farmers Market, Douglas County Sustainability Office, and Douglas County Food Policy Council.
- Gather data to map fresh food access (ex. grocery stores, farmers markets, convenience stores) in Douglas County.
- Research programs to expand fresh and local food options and availability at Douglas County food vendors.
- Complete the final report to be submitted to K-State Research and Extension Local Food Systems Program Coordinator before finishing the fellowship time period.

Location:

This is an in-person position located at: K-State Research and Extension Douglas County Office- 2110 Harper Street Lawrence, KS 66046.

Why Join Us:

K-State Research and Extension Douglas County is committed to building sustainable and thriving communities in Douglas County. Our mission is to expand community conversations, cooperative learning, and collaborative leadership using research-based knowledge to build sustainable, thriving communities around land stewardship, food systems, community health, and economic, family, and youth development.

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:

- Requires a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with individuals, groups and through mass media and social media.
- Ability to independently research concepts and summarize findings.
- Possess computer skills including email, internet, and Microsoft Office Programs.

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.
- Experience with local food system work.

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, Local Food System Program Coordinator: alindahl@ksu.edu, Kaitlyn Peine, Community Health and Wellness Agent, K-State Research and Extension Douglas County: kpeine@ksu.edu, and Ginny Barnard, LiveWell Douglas County Executive Director: ginnyb@ksu.edu.

1. Letter of interest
2. Resume

Screening of Applications Begins:

December 12, 2025

Compensation:

\$17.50/hour, 20 hours/week, 16 weeks

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.