



### **Position Summary**

Wolfe's Neck Center is situated on over 600 acres of preserved coastal landscape in Freeport, Maine and uses its setting to connect people of all ages to the food they eat and where it comes from. Encompassing a demonstration farm, oceanfront campground, wooded trails, and historic buildings, our vibrant campus serves as a unique hub for education and exploration. As a nonprofit, Wolfe's Neck Center draws upon a rich history of innovation and experimentation to continue the legacy of this place today. Through regenerative farming, innovative soil health research, and visitor interactions, this place-based organization is now used as an educational resource to create a healthier planet for all. We hope to inspire active participation in a healthier food system and build a community of people who care deeply about the future of food.

Launched in summer 2019, with major funding from the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research, the OpenTEAM collaborative, or Open Technology Ecosystem for Agricultural Management, is a community-driven platform to provide farmers and ranchers around the world with the best possible knowledge to improve soil health. OpenTEAM is a collaborative community of farmers, scientists and researchers, engineers, farm service providers, and food companies that are committed to improving soil health and advancing agriculture's ability to become a solution to climate change. OpenTEAM is coordinated out of and hosted at Wolfe's Neck Center, with leadership provided by the WNC Research Director, who serves as the OpenTEAM Secretariat. The Secretariat will be coordinating a global community of technology development teams and agricultural networks to improve interoperability, create new shared software services and tools to increase farmer feedback and increase the value of environmental feedback to farmers and ranchers, researchers and ecosystem service markets.

To support the development of OpenTEAM, we are seeking a Research and Communications Intern for the 2021 season. The intern will ideally be an undergraduate or graduate student who will work at Wolfe's Neck Center for 12 weeks during the summer, from June through August. Using WNC's organic fruit and vegetable plots, greenhouses, pastures, and orchards as their laboratory, the intern will serve as a critical, place-based researcher of the OpenTEAM initiative. As a public space engaging tens of thousands of visitors per year on both our physical campus and online, WNC is in a unique position to help educate the masses on the critical issue of climate change and what can be done to help reverse it. The intern will be a key conduit for building awareness and community around soil health and agriculture's role as a natural climate solution and contributing to the layering of these topics into the programs and dialogue already happening at Wolfe's Neck Center.

This individual will report to the OpenTEAM Agricultural Research Coordinator, with guidance and mentorship from WNC's Director of Research, Communications Manager and several other members of the WNC staff.

### **Primary Responsibilities**

- Create new learning opportunities for WNC visitors and the general public to interact with researchers, farmers, and data collected at Wolfe's Neck Center.
- Play an integral role in developing the technological systems needed to effectively connect and share information internally and with partner hub farms.
- Collect and record on-the-ground soil health data to be used in OpenTEAM research and



# WOLFE'S NECK FOR AGRICULTURE & THE ENVIRONMENT CENTER

## Research and Communications Intern

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development including: Conducting soil health assessments and testing through collection and processing soil samples; Entering data for statistical analysis and interpretation by our Research Managers; GPS and GIS mapping of our experimental field plots.

- Work with the team to create a fluid internal system and digital network used to facilitate interdepartmental collaboration in the development of Wolfe's Neck Center as an exemplar hub farm.
- Provide usability feedback on technology needed to effectively connect and share information with partner farms.
- Set the guidelines and expectations and support the development of a clear recruitment process for successive years of an internship program.

### Skills and Qualifications

- Educational focus in Agriculture/Food Systems, Environmental Studies, Natural Sciences, Environmental Education, or a related field
- Aptitude for, or willingness to learn, digital agricultural technology and collaborative tools
- Some knowledge of agricultural research methods, sustainable and regenerative agriculture, and the natural environment
- Ability to work collaboratively as a member of a high functioning team and develop effective working relationships with people from a variety of backgrounds
- Strong interpersonal skills including written and public speaking skills
- Strong organizational abilities, time management skills and ability to effectively plan ahead across the program season, and to prioritize and manage multiple projects
- Energetic, dynamic and engaging personality
- Must be able to work a variable work schedule, which includes occasional work on weekends

### Compensation

The internship is a full-time, 12-week position and includes a weekly stipend. On-site housing may be available. The Research and Communications Internship is generously funded by the Patagonia Retail Grants program.

### To Apply

Please email a cover letter and resume to [jobs@wolfesneck.org](mailto:jobs@wolfesneck.org) with **Research and Communications Intern** as the subject line. In the interest of reducing waste, please do not mail a hard copy of your materials. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply ASAP. This position will be posted until it is filled but application materials received by Feb 21<sup>st</sup> will be given preference. No Phone calls please.

Wolfe's Neck Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values diversity in the workplace.