The Program

A one-day virtual workshop common to all participants will introduce participants to one another and to the complex issues around food justice.

An 8-week synchronous virtual online colloquium for all participants to engage with experts to explore the theme of food justice. Students will meet online once per week with dual foci of meeting with a subject expert or experts and applying the knowledge in an online workshop format. The colloquium will provide the context and content knowledge that students will need to take on the challenges offered in the subsequent signature experiences. Topics will include: who is hungry and why? food insecurity; food deserts and food banks; food safety; global food systems; campus food insecurity; community gardens; food cultures and food geographies; etc. Students may but not required to enroll for credit at participating institutions.

Signature Experiences are offered in multiple formats to allow each participant flexibility in what best accommodates their needs. Signature experiences include the Design Challenge, Hackathons, and Field Course described below. Students will be matched to one or more of these experiences based upon their preferences and availability.

Design Challenges
SPRING 2024

On-site at Virginia Tech (Blacksburg, VA), South Dakota State University (Brookings, SD), University of Montana (Missoula, MT), and Texas A&M (College Station, TX).

Hackathons
SPRING/SUMMER 2024

In-person at Virginia Tech February 16-17 and online January 19-20, February 16-17, and March 8-9. Student problem solvers from multiple institutions will form working teams and develop innovative solutions for an issue central to food justice. Capacity 144 students.

Field Course
MAY 19-25 2024

On-site in Stillwater Oklahoma. Each student participant will receive a flight subsidy of $500 Student participants will be housed on-campus and provided with a campus meal plan. Capacity 15 students.

Culminating Conference
SPRING 2024