

Call for Co-op Academy Interns!

This fall, [Worcester Roots](http://WorcesterRoots.org), is holding its fifth **Co-op Business Academy** in Worcester, MA. The Academy is a comprehensive training and mentorship program that gives present and prospective member-owners the knowledge, resources, tools, and connections to start their own business and become part of a national cooperative movement. Twelve sessions over 10 weeks will include in-depth, personalized, and participatory trainings on incorporation, finance, market analysis, group development, and much more.

Several of the cooperatives participating are comprised of entrepreneurs who still need to work one or two jobs while they start up their business. Support from an intern can help their business process move along despite their busy lives or lack of access to research resources.

What a Co-op Academy looks like:

- Being paired with a small group working to make their co-op business idea a reality or to transform an existing business or project into a cooperative.
- Joining the group for as many Co-op Academy sessions as possible:
5:30-8:30pm Monday evenings October 16 through December 4th, 2017
PLUS 2 weekend SESSIONS: Sunday Nov. 12th and Saturday, Dec. 2nd
all sessions will be at Stone Soup Community Center, 4 King Street, Worcester, MA
- Helping them document their decisions, questions, etc.
- Supporting their research process.
- Connecting them with relevant resources, and share what you've learned from your own experiences.

After they have completed the Co-op Academy, we ask interns to participate in an additional 3-5 meetings with the group, either in person, online, or by phone. These are to help to check their progress, troubleshoot problems, explore new avenues for development, and finalize research projects.

We expect the total time commitment to be 40 to 60 hours over 3-6 months for the full internship.

We are looking for people who with at least some of the following:

- Research experience
- Good listening skills
- Facilitation skills
- Commitment to social justice

Additional experience and skills desired include:

- Knowledge of small business entrepreneurship
- Experience with of cooperatives
- Experience with marketing, branding, or sales

An internship is a powerful and rewarding experience, an opportunity to walk people through the process of discovering themselves as creative agents in a new, compassionate economy.

Join us in making the economy of tomorrow a reality, today.

To get involved, please start by filling out a short form here:
www.worcesterroots.org/get-involved/jobs-internships/volunteerapp/

Feel free to contact us with any questions.
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CO-OP ACADEMY

MAKE YOUR CO-OP IDEA A SUCCESS

What You Get In the Co-op Academy:

- Over 30 hours of training by experienced trainers
- One-on-One coaching with a successful entrepreneur
- Access to a peer-support network beyond the training
- Legal assistance with business incorporation & structuring
- Greater visibility and name recognition for your co-op
- Training and support in fundraising
- Web site development
- Logo design

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