Internships- a tool for technology dissemination

Kenyan universities and tertiary colleges have discovered that the GROW BIOINTENSIVE Agriculture Centre of Kenya offers hands-on, practical internships to their students.

Currently interning with G-BIACK are nine students from four different colleges: Egerton University (EU), Kenyatta University (KU), Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), and Bukura College of Agriculture. Their student interns are mentored and taken through a learning system at G-BIACK that takes them out of the classroom and gives them practical skills in organic, ecological agriculture. G-BIACK’s internship is 90% practical and 10% theory.

G-BIACK specializes in the promotion of the organic GROW BIOINTENSIVE Agriculture techniques in which no agricultural chemicals are used. The internship gives students an opportunity to practice an ecological form of agriculture and to research on ecological agriculture practices. They are guided by the G-BIACK staff on how to carry out research and how to analyze the results. Although the students have been taught chemical agriculture from the time they started school up to through college level, they seem to love Ecological agriculture more because it is friendly to the farmer and to the environment. It is also affordable because little or no agricultural inputs are imported into the farms.

G-BIACK is now accepting agricultural students and is also considering both local and international students that are pursuing human nutrition, community development, and natural resource management.