



Government Opportunities in Food & Agriculture Policy

Resources for Students

Links are subject to change. Please use a web search to check programs and agency names.

FEDERAL

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agencies in Washington, D.C:

- 35 individual agencies and offices, see:
http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=AGENCIES_OFFICES_

USDA Agencies with State and Regional Offices:

- Natural Resources Conservation Service (Davis)
- Rural Development (Davis)
- Farm Service Agency (Davis)
- Risk Management Agency (Davis)
- Food and Nutrition Service (San Francisco)

Health and Human Services (HHS) Agencies:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Atlanta, GA)
- Food and Drug Administration (Silver Spring, MD)
- Regional office (San Francisco)

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Divisions:

- Pesticides Program: National (Washington, D.C.) and Western Region (San Francisco)
- Water Program: National (Washington, D.C.) and Western Region (San Francisco)
- Air Program: National (Washington, D.C.) and Western Region (San Francisco)

Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry: Farm Bill, Child Nutrition

House Committee on Agriculture: Farm Bill

House Committee on Education and the Workforce: Child Nutrition

House Committee on Appropriations

- House Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies
- House Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

Internships are available for the full committee, a subcommittee, or any individual member. Agencies often have their own internship programs, but they're not centrally listed. Asking one's local Congressperson or Senator about internship opportunities is a good start for working in Congress.

Programs designed for students to gain experience in the federal government:

- Presidential Management Fellows Program
<http://www.pmf.gov/>
- Emerson National Hunger Fellows
<http://www.hungercenter.org/fellowships/emerson/>
- Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Fellowship Program
<https://www.cbcbfinc.org/fellowships/fellowship-eligibility-the-application-process/>
- Congressional Hispanic Caucus Fellowship Program
<https://chci.org/programs/public-policy-fellowship-program/>

- Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies Fellowship Program
<http://apaics.org/>
- EPA Greater Research Opportunities for Undergraduate Students
http://epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2015/2015_gro_undergrad.html
- USDA Student Internship Program
<https://www.dm.usda.gov/employ/sip/index.htm>
- HHS Student Internship Program
<https://www.hhs.gov/about/careers/pathways/internship-opportunities-students/index.html>
- University of California Washington Center
<http://www.ucdc.edu/internships>
- UC Berkeley Matsui Center Washington Fellowship
<https://igs.berkeley.edu/matsui-center/washington-fellowship>

CALIFORNIA STATE

California Department of Education: Nutrition Services Division

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/di/or/nsd.asp>

California Department of Food and Agriculture

<https://www.cdafa.ca.gov/internships/>

California Department of Pesticide Regulation

<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/>

California Natural Resources Agency

<http://resources.ca.gov/>

California Department of Public Health: Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPHP/DCDIC/NEOPB/Pages/Nutrition_Education_Obesity_Prevention_Branch.aspx

California Department of Public Health: WIC Program

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CFH/DWICSN/Pages/AboutWIC.aspx>

California Department of Public Health: Environmental Health

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/environhealth/Pages/default.aspx>

California Association of Resource Conservation Districts

<http://www.carcd.org>

Asking one's local Assemblyperson or State Senator about internship opportunities is a good start for working in the State Legislature.

Programs designed for students to gain experience in state government:

- Future Farmers of America
<http://www.calaged.org/>
- UC Berkeley Matsui Center Cal-in-Sacramento Fellowship
<https://igs.berkeley.edu/matsui-center/cal-in-sacramento-fellowship>

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

Alameda County Health Department

<http://www.acphd.org/>

Alameda County WIC Program

<http://www.acphd.org/wic.aspx>

City of Berkeley Public Health Division

https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Health_Human_Services/Public_Health/Volunteer_and_Intern_Opportunities.aspx

San Francisco Department of Public Health

<http://www.sfdph.org/dph/eh/>

San Francisco Human Services Agency (SNAP/ CalFresh)

<http://www.sfhhsa.org/>

Programs designed for students to gain experience in local Bay Area government:

- UC Berkeley Matsui Center Local Government Fellowship
<https://igs.berkeley.edu/matsui-center/local-gov-fellowship>

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