Government Opportunities in Food and Agriculture Policy

Resources for Students

FEDERAL

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Agencies in Washington, D.C:

- 35 individual agencies and offices, see:

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
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
  

- U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) (graduate summer internship and 2-year Professional Development Program)
  
  [https://www.gao.gov/about/careers/-paths/](https://www.gao.gov/about/careers/-paths/)

- Congressional Hunger Center - Multiple Leadership Programs
  
  [https://hungercenter.org/what-we-do/](https://hungercenter.org/what-we-do/)

- Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Leadership Institute - Multiple Leadership Programs
  
  [https://www.cbcfinc.org/leadership-institute/](https://www.cbcfinc.org/leadership-institute/)

- Congressional Hispanic Caucus - Multiple Leadership Programs
  
  [https://chci.org/programs/](https://chci.org/programs/)

- Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies Fellowship Program
  
  [http://apaics.org/programs/fellowship](http://apaics.org/programs/fellowship)

- USDA Internship and Career Opportunities
  
  [https://www.usda.gov/youth/career](https://www.usda.gov/youth/career)

- Pathways For Students and Recent Graduates to Federal Careers
  
  [https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/hiring-information/students-recent-graduates/?page=1#url=Program-Fact-Sheets](https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/hiring-information/students-recent-graduates/?page=1#url=Program-Fact-Sheets)

- University of California Washington Center
  
  [http://www.ucdc.edu/internships](http://www.ucdc.edu/internships)

- UC Berkeley Matsui Center Washington Fellowship
  
  [https://igs.berkeley.edu/matsui-center/washington-fellowship](https://igs.berkeley.edu/matsui-center/washington-fellowship)
CALIFORNIA STATE AGENCIES:
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.cdfa.ca.gov/internships/
California Department of Pesticide Regulation
http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/
California Natural Resources Agency
http://resources.ca.gov/
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
• California Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) Summer Graduate Internship Program
  https://lao.ca.gov/Careers
• California Senate Fellows Program
  https://sfela.senate.ca.gov/home

LOCAL BAY AREA
Alameda County Health Department
http://www.acphd.org/
San Francisco Department of Public Health
http://www.sfdph.org/dph/eh/
San Francisco Human Services Agency (SNAP/CalFresh)
http://www.sfhsa.org/
Nourish California Internship and Fellowship
https://nourishca.org/about/career-opportunities/
California Department of Public Health: WIC Program
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CFH/DWICSN/Pages/Program-Landing1.aspx
California Department of Social Services: CalFresh
https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforources/calfresh
California Department of Public Health: Environmental Health
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/Pages/CEH.aspx
California Association of Resource Conservation Districts
http://www.carcd.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

FOOD POLICY LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS CALIFORNIA:

- Food Corps (volunteer locations in California)
  
  https://foodcorps.org/apply/what-youll-do/

- Los Angeles Food Policy Council Food Leaders Lab
  
  https://www.goodfoodla.org/food-leaders-lab