



# 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:  
[http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=AGENCIES\\_OFFICES](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/>

- U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) (graduate summer internship and 2-year Professional Development Program)  
<https://www.gao.gov/about/careers/-paths/>
- Congressional Hunger Center - Multiple Leadership Programs  
<https://hungercenter.org/what-we-do/>
- Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Leadership Institute - Multiple Leadership Programs  
<https://www.cbcfinc.org/leadership-institute/>
- Congressional Hispanic Caucus - Multiple Leadership Programs  
<https://chci.org/programs/>
- Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies Fellowship Program  
<http://apaics.org/programs/fellowship>
- USDA Internship and Career Opportunities  
<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>
- 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 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.*

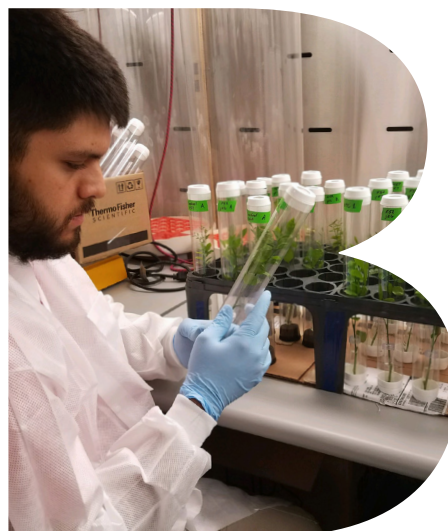
## PROGRAMS DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS TO GAIN EXPERIENCE IN STATE GOVERNMENT:

- 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/>



Alameda County WIC Program

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

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/inforesources/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>