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USDA Internship For Graduate Students 2026

Description

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers a vast array of internship opportunities for graduate students across various agencies and disciplines. Gain valuable hands-on experience, contribute to meaningful research and projects, and explore your career path within the exciting world of agriculture, food, and natural resources.

Responsibilities

- Conducting research and data analysis in your field of study
- Assisting with ongoing research projects and initiatives
- Developing reports, presentations, and other communication materials
- Participating in field work, data collection, and laboratory activities (if applicable)
- Contributing to policy development and program implementation
- Shadowing professionals and learning about different career paths within the USDA
- Participating in workshops, conferences, and professional development opportunities

Qualifications

- Enrolled in an accredited graduate program in a relevant field (e.g., agriculture, food science, environmental science, economics, policy)
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 (exceptions may be considered)
- Strong communication, interpersonal, and problem-solving skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Demonstrated interest in agriculture, food, natural resources, or related fields
- Commitment to excellence and a strong work ethic

Experience

- Previous internship or research experience preferred (not required)
- Experience with relevant software, data analysis tools, or laboratory techniques may be beneficial
- Proficiency in relevant languages (e.g., Spanish) may be a plus for certain positions

Skills

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Strong analytical and research skills
- Ability to manage time effectively and meet deadlines
- Adaptability and willingness to learn new things
- Proficient in using technology and applications (e.g., Microsoft Office Suite, statistical software)

Hiring organization

USDA

Employment Type

Intern

Duration of employment

6 Months

Industry

Government Administration

Job Location

Washington, D.C., United States,
20001, Washington, D.C., United States

Working Hours

8

Base Salary

10

Date posted

February 25, 2026

Valid through

16.02.2027

- Attention to detail and accuracy

Job Benefits

- Gain valuable hands-on experience and contribute to meaningful work
- Learn from experienced professionals and gain mentorship
- Network with potential employers and build your professional network
- Enhance your resume and prepare for future career opportunities
- Competitive stipend may be available for some internships (dependent on funding)

How To Apply

- Search for “Internship” opportunities under “Current Opportunities”
- Use the filters to narrow down your search by agency, location, and area of interest
- Review the specific internship descriptions and application requirements
- Submit your resume, cover letter, and transcripts online (application procedures may vary by agency)