



International Agricultural Relations Internship | Summer 2017

Position Summary

International Agricultural Relations Internship

Sponsored by the Nebraska Corn Board (NCB) and the U.S. Grains Council (USGC) or the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF)

About

This international internship is a partnership between the USGC or the USMEF and the NCB. The internship will take place in a USGC or USMEF international office. The goal of this internship is to expose a student to the following: issues related to global trade in food and agricultural products, the activities of the Nebraska Corn Board and its collaboration with USGC/USMEF in the overseas offices, and potential opportunities in ag and global trade that will benefit Nebraska corn farmers by helping to create new markets and demand for Nebraska corn.

The intern will be mentored and assigned responsibilities on a day-to-day basis by USGC/USMEF staff and will communicate back to Nebraska Corn Board staff on activities and programs.

Student interns will obtain a working knowledge of the following:

- International office operations of the USGC or USMEF
- Inter-relationships of agriculture and other ag industry groups in the host country
- Trade policies in the host country and how they affect the U.S. and other countries
- Knowledge of international trade policy, market development, value of international trade, global food security, grain supply and reliability, biotechnology, and much more.

Timeline

Mid-May through Mid-August 2017, for at least 10 consecutive weeks on location

Duties & Responsibilities

- Support efforts of the USGC/USMEF leadership in the host country
- Hands-on work with international trade groups as assigned
- Assist with coordinating visits of international trade teams
- Represent USGC/USMEF as assigned in meetings and report back to USGC/USMEF staff

Qualifications

- Students must be a rising Junior status or above (including graduate students) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Students can be enrolled in any major; including agribusiness/agricultural economics/agricultural leadership/international studies/international business/international law/international policy or other related fields focusing on international issues
- Agricultural background beneficial but not required
- Proven abilities in written and verbal forms of communications
- Experience with international travel beneficial
- Experience with a foreign language beneficial

Recommended Coursework

Agricultural Economics, Ag Policy, International Agriculture/Marketing and Communications, International Business, International Law, International Policy, Foreign Language, Trade and Finance, World Food Economics

Opportunity for Intern Credit Hours

Students can work with the University to receive credit hours for this internship.

Stipend

Students will receive a cost of living stipend which will be paid to the student, as well as all travel and some incidental costs being covered. Safe and affordable housing will be arranged by the USGC and/or USMEF staff.

Application Process

1. Student must submit a cover letter addressing the following:
 - a. Interest in the international internship
 - b. How this internship would benefit your career interests
 - c. A brief explanation of three (3) issues concerning the global ag trade marketplace today
2. Resume and cover letter should be sent to:
*International Internship
Nebraska Corn Board
301 Centennial Mall South, 4th Floor
P.O. Box 95107
Lincoln, NE 68509*
3. Resume and cover letter may also be accepted by e-mail, sent to emily.thornburg@nebraska.gov.

Students must submit resume and cover letter to the Nebraska Corn Board by 5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2016.