



**Nebraska Corn Board and National Corn Growers Association Internship**  
Washington, D.C. (Summer 2020)

**Position Summary**

Public Policy Internship in Washington, D.C.

Sponsored by the Nebraska Corn Board (NCB) and the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA)

**About**

The Nebraska Corn Board manages the corn checkoff investment by striving to connect corn producers to their customers, new products and markets, important research and policymakers on Capitol Hill.

The National Corn Growers Association is a membership organization and a federation of states that works with and for the corn states in the U.S. NCGA exists to coordinate the focus, interest and power of their dual membership into a national effort for the corn farmers in the U.S.

**Timeline**

Mid-May through Mid-August 2020, for at least 10 consecutive weeks on location

**Duties & Responsibilities**

Intern would be mentored and assigned responsibilities on a day-to-day basis by the NCGA staff

Students will obtain a working knowledge of the following:

- Office operations of the NCGA
- The importance of grower membership lobbying
- Various bills and policies important to corn growers
- Inter-relationships of ag industry groups in D.C.
- The process of influencing legislation
- Hands-on work and lobbying experience on the Hill
- Opportunities to represent NCGA as assigned in meetings and reporting back to staff
- Meeting NCGA leadership and supporting their efforts
- Introduction to the Targeted Agricultural Education Program supported with NCB funding
- Knowledge gained on Farm Bill, Trade Policy, Energy Bill, Rural Development, Conservation, and Transportation issues

**Qualifications**

Any student enrolled in a four-year university with the following qualifications:

- Agricultural background beneficial but not required
- Interest in the political process, agricultural policy and agricultural economics
- Proven communication abilities in written and verbal forms of communications
- Excellent computer skills
- Sophomore standing or above
- Preference will be given to students attending a college or university in Nebraska

**Recommended Coursework**

Agricultural Statistics, Ag Policy, Agricultural Economics, International Agriculture/Marketing, Political Science or Marketing

**Stipend**

Nebraska Corn Board will provide a stipend which will be paid to the student through NCGA. Nebraska Corn Board will also provide one roundtrip flight to D.C. Flights will be coordinated through the Nebraska Corn Board. Housing suggestions will be provided.

**Opportunity for Independent Study**

Will work with the University to receive credit hours.

**Application Process**

Resume and cover letter of application should be sent to:

*NCGA-D.C. Internship*

*Nebraska Corn Board*

*301 Centennial Mall South, 4th Floor*

*P.O. Box 95107*

*Lincoln, NE 68509*

Resume and cover letter may also be accepted by e-mail, sent to [kurtis.harms@nebraska.gov](mailto:kurtis.harms@nebraska.gov)

**Resume and cover letters are due in the Nebraska Corn Board office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday November 1, 2019**