



Nebraska Corn Board and National Corn Growers Association Internship
Washington, D.C. (Summer 2021)

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 2021, 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, three references, 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, three references, and cover letter may also be accepted by e-mail, sent to kurtis.harms@nebraska.gov

Resume, references, and cover letters are due in the Nebraska Corn Board office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday November 6, 2020.