



Nebraska Corn Board and U.S. Grains Council Internship
Washington, D.C. (Beginning Spring 2021-Spring 2022)

Position Summary

International Relations Internship in Washington, D.C.
Sponsored by the Nebraska Corn Board (NCB) and the U.S. Grains Council (USGC)

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 U.S. Grains Council is a private, non-profit organization that develops export markets for U.S. barley, corn, grain sorghum and related products. The Council believes exports are vital to global economic development and to U.S. agriculture's profitability. The main office is located in Washington, D.C. with ten overseas offices: China, Mexico, Egypt, Taiwan, Japan, Tunisia, South Korea, Jordan, Malaysia and Panama.

Timeline

Ideally 6-12-month internship beginning in the spring of 2021.

Duties & Responsibilities

Intern would be mentored and assigned responsibilities on a day-to-day basis by the USGC staff. Students will obtain a working knowledge of the following:

- Office operations of the USGC
- Support the efforts of USGC staff and leadership
- Inter-relationships of other ag industry groups in D.C.
- Hands-on work with the Council's members such as the state and national corn, sorghum and barley organizations and U.S. agribusinesses
- Understanding trade policies in the U.S. and other countries
- The importance of working for a membership-based organization
- Opportunities to represent USGC as assigned in meetings and reporting back to staff
- Assisting with coordinating international trade teams including setting up meetings and logistics
- Knowledge gained on Farm Bill, International Trade Policy, Market Development, Value of International Trade, Global Food Security, Grain Supply and Reliability, Biotechnology, and much more

Qualifications

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

- Agricultural background beneficial but not required
- Interest in international markets, trade 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 and Communications

Stipend

The Nebraska Corn Board will provide a stipend which will be distributed by the USGC, as well as one flight transportation to and from D.C. Flights will be coordinated through the Nebraska Corn Board. Housing suggestions will be provided. Stipend is comparable to that of an entry-level employee.

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:

USGC 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
Resume and cover letters are due in the Nebraska Corn Board office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 18, 2020.