



# USDA Student Employment Opportunities Factsheet

## Internship Program

The Internship Programs provide paid and unpaid work experience to students who are in high school or pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in an accredited college or university (including Home-Schooling, Certificate Programs and Community Colleges). Internships can be seasonal (Summer, Fall, Spring) or year round.

General Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ U.S. Citizen or U.S. Permanent Resident,</li> <li>▪ At least 16 years of age,</li> <li>▪ Enrolled or accepted for enrollment in school or vocational program, full or part time, and</li> <li>▪ GPA of 2.0 for higher.</li> </ul>	Deadlines to Apply
USDA Summer Internship Program (SIP)	<a href="http://www.dm.usda.gov/employ/SIPIntro.htm">http://www.dm.usda.gov/employ/SIPIntro.htm</a>	Jan/Mid Apr-Summer
USDA Junior Agricultural Ambassador Program	<a href="http://www.hsi.usda.gov/Students/JAAP.htm">http://www.hsi.usda.gov/Students/JAAP.htm</a>	May
USDA Wallace-Carver Internship Program (WCIP)	<a href="http://www.worldfoodprize.org/index.cfm?nodeID=25287">http://www.worldfoodprize.org/index.cfm?nodeID=25287</a>	Oct - Nov
USDA Information Technology Internship Program (ITIP)	<a href="http://www.ocio.usda.gov/intern/index.html">http://www.ocio.usda.gov/intern/index.html</a>	Jan-Mar
USDA Veterinary Student Employment Program (VSEP)	<a href="http://www.fsis.usda.gov/careers/Veterinary_Student_Employment_Program/index.asp">http://www.fsis.usda.gov/careers/Veterinary_Student_Employment_Program/index.asp</a>	Fall
USDA National Agricultural Library (NAL)	<a href="http://nal.usda.gov/about/LIBRARY_INTERNSHIP.pdf">http://nal.usda.gov/about/LIBRARY_INTERNSHIP.pdf</a>	Year Round
USDA Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP)	<a href="https://wrp.gov/LoginPre.do?method=login">https://wrp.gov/LoginPre.do?method=login</a>	Fall
USDA International Agricultural Internship Program (IAIP)	<a href="http://www.fas.usda.gov/admin/student/iaip/index.asp">http://www.fas.usda.gov/admin/student/iaip/index.asp</a>	Mar-Fall Jul-Spring Nov-Summer
USDA Foreign Agriculture Summer Internship Program	<a href="http://www.fas.usda.gov/admin/student/program.asp">http://www.fas.usda.gov/admin/student/program.asp</a>	Feb

## Third Party Internship Providers (Contractors)

Under the third party internship providers utilized at USDA, interns are not considered federal employees but contractors. These programs typically provide stipends for interns.

	Deadlines to Apply
Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)	<a href="http://www.hacu.net/hacu/HNIP.asp">http://www.hacu.net/hacu/HNIP.asp</a> Jun-Fall Oct/Feb-Summer
Washington Internship for Native Students (WINS)	<a href="http://www1.american.edu/wins/">http://www1.american.edu/wins/</a> Feb
Student Conservation Association (SCA)	<a href="http://www.thesca.org/serve/internships">http://www.thesca.org/serve/internships</a> Sept/Nov-Spring Feb/May-Summer Jul/Aug-Fall
D.C. Government Passport-to-Work Summer Youth Employment Program (GPWSYEP)	<a href="http://www.does.dc.gov/does/cwp/view,a,1232,q,638739.asp">http://www.does.dc.gov/does/cwp/view,a,1232,q,638739.asp</a> Feb-Mar
Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership (CAPAL)	<a href="http://www.capal.org/programs/federal-internship-program/">http://www.capal.org/programs/federal-internship-program/</a> Feb
Job Corps	<a href="http://www.jobcorps.gov/home.aspx">http://www.jobcorps.gov/home.aspx</a> -
YearUP	<a href="http://www.yearup.org/">http://www.yearup.org/</a> Jul

## Scholarship Program

The Student Scholarship Program provides undergraduate or graduate students with various supports such as tuition assistance, internships, career development, leadership development, mentoring, and/or grants to support research studies.

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USDA/1890 National Scholars Program Contact: <a href="mailto:1890init@usda.gov">1890init@usda.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentonly=true&amp;contentid=1890program.xml">http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentonly=true&amp;contentid=1890program.xml</a>	Feb
USDA/1994 Tribal Scholars Program Contact: <a href="mailto:Lawrence.shorty@osec.usda.gov">Lawrence.shorty@osec.usda.gov</a>	<a href="http://webb.nmu.edu/Centers/NativeAmericanStudies/SiteSections/Resources/NAS/USDA_Tribal_Scholars_Program_Application_FY_2010.pdf">http://webb.nmu.edu/Centers/NativeAmericanStudies/SiteSections/Resources/NAS/USDA_Tribal_Scholars_Program_Application_FY_2010.pdf</a>	Feb
USDA/Public Service Leader Scholars Contact: <a href="mailto:Sandra.cortez@osec.usda.gov">Sandra.cortez@osec.usda.gov</a>	<a href="http://www.hsi.usda.gov/Students/PSLS.htm">http://www.hsi.usda.gov/Students/PSLS.htm</a>	May
William Helms Scholarship Program Call for further information: (202) 690-4759.	<a href="http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/helms/index.shtml">http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/helms/index.shtml</a>	Mar
USDA The Saul T. Wilson, Jr., Scholarship Program Call for further information: (202) 690-4759.	<a href="http://www.aphis.usda.gov/career_opportunities/student_programs.shtml">http://www.aphis.usda.gov/career_opportunities/student_programs.shtml</a>	Mar
USDA Forest Service Chief's Scholars Program	Contact Lauren Marshall for details <a href="mailto:lemarshall@fs.fed.us">lemarshall@fs.fed.us</a>	Dec

### Fellowship Program

Fellowship Programs are prestigious, competitive programs that support leadership development of recent graduates from graduate degree programs who have been pre-qualified, or recommended by a network of graduate schools.

General Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ U.S. Citizen,</li> <li>▪ GPA 3.0 or higher,</li> <li>▪ Recently graduated from a graduate degree program,</li> <li>▪ Nominated by your school dean,</li> <li>▪ Pass online and in-person assessment,</li> <li>▪ Accepted to the fellowship program, and</li> <li>▪ Find a position within the Agency.</li> </ul>	Deadlines to Apply
Presidential Management Fellowship Program (PMF)	<a href="http://www.pmf.gov/">http://www.pmf.gov/</a>	Oct
Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Fellowship Programs (CHCI-FP)	<a href="http://www.sc.nrcs.usda.gov/civil%20rights%20info/HEPM_Jayson_Mas/CHCI%202011%20Program%20Applications.pdf">http://www.sc.nrcs.usda.gov/civil%20rights%20info/HEPM_Jayson_Mas/CHCI%202011%20Program%20Applications.pdf</a>	Nov-Spring Feb-Summer Apr-Fall

### Volunteer Program

The NRCS Earth Team is the volunteer component of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Earth Team volunteers play an important role in helping protect and conserve our Nation's natural resources. Earth Team offers outstanding and exciting opportunities for students who need professional work experience or academic credit.

General Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 14 years of age or older,</li> <li>▪ Interested in conserving natural resources, and</li> <li>▪ You can work part-time, evenings or weekends, and outdoors or in a local NRCS office.</li> </ul>	Deadline to Apply
NRCS Earth Team Volunteers (NRCSETV)	<a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/feature/volunteers">www.nrcs.usda.gov/feature/volunteers</a>	Year Round

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**All internship programs are open to Veterans and Students with Disabilities**

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