

Location: Washington, D.C.

The **National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition** (NSAC) is currently seeking a Policy Intern for the spring term beginning in early January 2016 and lasting until mid-May 2016. This position is paid, full time, and is located at NSAC's DC office on Capitol Hill.

NSAC is the leading advocacy organization for federal policy that supports sustainable agriculture and food systems. We work towards the vision of creating a safe, nutritious, and affordable food supply produced by a legion of diverse family farmers who make a decent living pursuing their trade, while sustaining the environment and contributing to the strength of their communities. NSAC's collaborative work environment offers a unique career opportunity to advance federal sustainable agriculture policy as part of a dedicated and effective team.

The Policy Intern will have the opportunity to work on a range of issues and campaigns, including farm to school, working lands conservation, beginning farmer issues, sustainable agriculture research, and much more.

Position Description

NSAC's Policy Intern will work closely with NSAC's policy and grassroots staff on the full range of daily activities in our fast-paced DC office, including:

- Support policy staff with Hill outreach
- Attend meetings and Congressional hearings and report back to staff
- Assist with grassroots outreach campaigns, including social media
- Conduct research and data analysis to support policy development
- Write policy blog posts and contribute to Federal Register comments
- Manage dissemination of Weekly Roundup newsletter
- Manage incoming calls and other administrative duties
- Assist with other projects and assignments as needed

Qualifications

- An understanding of and passion for sustainable agriculture
- Basic knowledge of the federal policy-making process
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Excellent research skills
- Experience with print, radio, and online media a plus
- Ability to both work independently and be a good team player
- Willingness to work around a demanding congressional schedule and deadlines

Stipend

NSAC policy interns are paid on an hourly basis. NSAC will work with the applicant's school or program to make the internship fit criteria for academic credit or field placement experience.

Application

Please send resume, cover letter (including an explanation of your interests in sustainable agriculture), and the names and contact information for two references to Kelliann Blazek at legal@sustainableagriculture.net with "Winter/Spring Policy Intern" in the email subject line. No phone calls, please.