

**Location:** Washington, D.C.

The **National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition** (NSAC) is currently seeking a Policy Intern for the summer term beginning in mid-to-late May 2016 and lasting until mid-to-late August 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 are a coalition of over 100 grassroots organizations who advocate for federal policies that support small and mid-sized family farmers, protect natural resources, promote healthy communities, and ensure access to healthy, nutritious, affordable food for everyone.

We believe that the leadership from diverse farmers, ranchers, and food and farm workers is vital to building power in the sustainable agriculture movement and to increasing the movement's influence on federal policy. As part of that commitment, we encourage people of color to apply for the position.

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 and minority farmer issues, sustainable agriculture research, crop insurance reform, 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
- Conduct research and data analysis to support policy development
- Write policy blog posts and contribute to communications to policy makers
- Manage dissemination of the NSAC Weekly Roundup newsletter
- Provide back up support for 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
- An appreciation for how federal policies may affect different constituencies
- 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 sometimes demanding congressional schedules 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 Bilkis Bharucha at [policyintern@sustainableagriculture.net](mailto:policyintern@sustainableagriculture.net) with “Summer Policy Intern” in the email subject line. No phone calls, please.

*NSAC is an equal opportunity employer.  
We actively encourage people of color to apply for this position.*