

## NSAC Grassroots Intern: Summer 2017

Interested in learning what it takes to fix federal food and farm policy? Want to help build national grassroots campaigns around issues like farm to school or sustainable agriculture?

The **National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition** (NSAC) is currently seeking a Grassroots Intern for summer 2017, beginning in mid-May 2017 and ending in late August 2017. This position is paid, full time, and 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 with our over 100 member organizations around the country to empower grassroots voices – including farmers and eaters – for positive change. We work towards the vision of a safe, nutritious, and affordable food supply produced by diverse family farmers who make a decent living pursuing their trade, while sustaining the environment and contributing to the strength of their communities.

### Position Description

NSAC's Grassroots Intern will work closely with NSAC's grassroots and policy staff on the full range of daily activities in our fast-paced DC office, with a focus on working on several active grassroots advocacy campaigns. Tasks will include:

- Assisting NSAC staff and coalition members with national grassroots outreach campaigns using social media, email, and other advocacy tools;
- Conducting research, data analysis, and professional interviews to support advocacy campaigns and materials;
- Directly engaging with NSAC's members to "ground truth" our policy work both remotely and at our Summer meeting in Madison, Wisconsin;
- Drafting and editing blog posts, social media posts, and advocacy messages
- Developing creative, impactful outreach tools for farmers and consumers around a range of issues and campaigns, including working lands conservation, beginning farmer issues, sustainable ag research, and much more;
- Supporting NSAC's Diversity Committee & furthering our racial equity efforts – assisting with monthly call meetings and Summer Meeting sessions.
- Assisting with other projects and assignments as needed.

### Qualifications

- An understanding of and passion for sustainable food and farms
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, detail-oriented & highly organized
- Experience with community organizing and grassroots capacity building efforts
- Experience working with diverse communities
- Ability to both work independently and be a good team player
- Willingness to work around a demanding congressional schedule and deadlines
- Experience with social media
- Knowledge of Adobe CreativeSuite, Wordpress, or GIS a plus but not required
- Preferred, not required - bilingual fluency in a language other than English (e.g. Spanish)

### Application

Please send resume, cover letter (including an explanation of your interests in sustainable agriculture and grassroots organizing), and the names and contact information for two references to [fellow@sustainableagriculture.net](mailto:fellow@sustainableagriculture.net) with "Summer Grassroots Intern" in the subject line. **No phone calls, please.**

*NSAC is committed to hiring and retaining a diverse workforce and strongly encourages applications from groups that have been historically under-represented, including but not limited to women and people of color. Please also see [NSAC's Statement on Racial Equity](#). NSAC makes hiring decisions without regard to gender, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, veteran status, disability, or any other protected class.*