

NSAC Policy Intern: Summer 2017

The **National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition** (NSAC) is currently seeking a Policy Intern for the summer term beginning in the week of May 15 2017 and lasting until late-August 2017. 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
- Assist with planning and staffing a Coalition meeting in Madison, WI in early August

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

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 policyintern@sustainableagriculture.net with "Summer Policy Intern" in the email subject line. No phone calls, please. (Position open until filled)

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.