

NSAC Grassroots Fellowship: Fall 2017 - Spring 2018 Posting

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, local food, beginning farmers, and more?

The **National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition** (NSAC) is currently seeking a Grassroots Fellow for 2017-2018, beginning in September/October 2017 and ending in June 2018. This nine-month fellowship position is paid, full time, includes partial benefits, 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 with our 100+ member organizations 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 Fellow will work closely with NSAC's grassroots and policy staff on a full range of daily activities in our fast-paced DC office. Tasks will include:

- Assisting NSAC staff and coalition members with national grassroots outreach campaigns using social media, email, and other advocacy tools;
- Developing creative, impactful engagement tools for farmers and consumers – including digital and multimedia materials – around a range of issues and campaigns, including local and regional food systems, working lands conservation, beginning farmer issues, sustainable ag research, and much more;
- Conducting research, analysis, and interviews to support advocacy campaigns;
- Assisting with planning and execution of NSAC events, including farmer/advocate lobby days in Washington, DC;
- Drafting blog posts, social media posts, advocacy messages, and other materials;
- Supporting NSAC's Diversity Committee & furthering our racial equity efforts – assisting with monthly calls and other endeavors.
- 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
- Experience with community organizing and grassroots capacity building efforts
- Experience working with diverse communities & willingness to apply an equity lens
- Ability to both work independently and be a good team player
- Self-motivated, organized, and able to stay on task when managing multiple projects
- Multimedia skills – including Adobe CreativeSuite and video development / editing (Final Cut Pro or equivalent) – a plus

Application

Please send your resume, cover letter (including your interests in sustainable agriculture and grassroots organizing), and the names and contact information for two references in one combined document to fellow@sustainableagriculture.net with “Grassroots Fellowship” 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](#)¹. 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.

¹ <http://sustainableagriculture.net/about-us/mission-goals/nsac-statement-on-racial-equity/>