



NSAC Policy Fellowship: Fall 2018

The **National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition** (NSAC) is currently seeking a Policy Fellow, beginning in mid-August 2018 and ending in mid-May 2019. This position is paid, full-time, and is located in NSAC's Washington, D.C. office on Capitol Hill.

NSAC is the leading advocacy organization for federal policy that supports sustainable agriculture and food systems. 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 Fellow will have the opportunity to work on a range of policy issues and campaigns, including: local and regional food systems, working lands conservation, beginning and minority farmer issues, food safety and labeling, sustainable agriculture research, and crop insurance reform. The Policy Fellow will have the opportunity to directly engage in NSAC's ongoing work on the farm bill.

Position Description

NSAC's Policy Fellow will work closely with NSAC's policy team on the full range of legislative activities in our fast-paced D.C. office, including the following responsibilities:

- Support policy staff with outreach and communication to Congressional offices and committees, and federal agencies and administrative officials
- Represent NSAC at agency and coalition meetings, as well as Congressional hearings and briefings
- Conduct research and data analysis to support program oversight and inform future policy development
- Write in-depth policy blogs and reports, and contribute to Federal Register comments (as applicable)
- Develop and implement a long-term research or policy project (to be determined)
- Provide support for policy staff on monthly Issue Committee calls
- Manage dissemination of NSAC's Weekly Roundup policy newsletter
- Work with NSAC staff on racial equity projects and initiatives
- Provide 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, including historically under-represented communities, and willingness to apply an equity lens
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Excellent research skills
- Ability to both work independently and be a good team player
- Willingness to work around a demanding congressional schedule and deadlines
- Self-motivated, organized, and able to stay on task when managing multiple projects
- Familiarity with Dropbox, Google Suite, and WordPress a plus

NSAC can work with the applicant's school or program to make the fellowship 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 (all as a single PDF document) to fellow@sustainableagriculture.net with "Policy Fellow 2018" in the email 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.