

International Agricultural Relations Internship | Summer 2015

Position Summary

International Agricultural Relations Internship
Sponsored by the Nebraska Corn Board (NCB) and the U.S. Grains Council (USGC)

About

This international internship is a partnership between the USGC and the NCB. The internship will take place in the USGC Panama City, Panama office. The goal of this internship is to expose a Nebraska student to issues related to global trade in food and agricultural products, on the activities of the Nebraska Corn Board and its collaboration with USGC and its overseas offices, and on potential opportunities in ag and global trade that will benefit Nebraska corn farmers by helping to create new markets and demand for Nebraska corn. This intern will also have hands-on experience with the MAIZALL project – an alliance between corn growers of North and South America created to address key global issues concerning food security, biotechnology, stewardship, trade and producer image.

The intern will be mentored and assigned responsibilities on a day-to-day basis by USGC staff and will communicate back to Nebraska Corn Board staff on activities and programs.

Student interns will obtain a working knowledge of the following:

- International office operations of the USGC
- Inter-relationships of agriculture and other ag industry groups in the host country
- Trade policies in the host country and how they affect the U.S. and other countries
- Knowledge of international trade policy, market development, value of international trade, global food security, grain supply and reliability, biotechnology, and much more.

Timeline

Mid-May through Mid-August 2015, for at least 10 consecutive weeks on location

Duties & Responsibilities

- Support efforts of the USGC leadership in the host country
- Hands-on work with international trade groups as assigned
- Assist with coordinating visits of international trade teams
- Represent USGC as assigned in meetings and report back to USGC staff

Qualifications

- Students must be a rising Junior status or above (including graduate students) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Students can be enrolled in any major; including agribusiness/agricultural economics/agricultural leadership/international studies/international business/international law/international policy or other related fields focusing on international issues
- Agricultural background beneficial but not required
- Proven abilities in written and verbal forms of communications
- Experience with international travel beneficial
- Experience with the Spanish language beneficial

Recommended Coursework

Agricultural Economics, Ag Policy, International Agriculture/Marketing and Communications, International Business, International Law, International Policy, Spanish, Trade and Finance, World Food Economics

Opportunity for Intern Credit Hours

Students can work with the University to receive credit hours for this internship.

Stipend

Students will receive a cost of living stipend which will be paid to the student, as well as all travel and incidental costs being covered. Safe and affordable housing will be arranged by the USGC Panama staff.

Application Process

1. Student must fill out application on UNL's MyWorld portal (Apply at <http://myworld.unl.edu/?go=PanamaInternship>)
2. Student must send a resume and cover letter addressing your interest in the international internship, how this internship would benefit your career interests, and a brief explanation of three (3) issues concerning the global ag trade marketplace today not to exceed 400 words.

Resume and cover letter should be sent to:
International Internship
Nebraska Corn Board
301 Centennial Mall South, 4th Floor
P.O. Box 95107
Lincoln, NE 68509

Or submitted by email to janet.miller@nebraska.gov.

3. Students must fill out application on MyWorld and submit resume and cover letter to the Nebraska Corn Board by **5:00 p.m. on October 17, 2014**.