

Internship Announcements and Deadlines occurring in Spring 2010

This list contains a combination of current announcements and announcements from past years that probably represent opportunities this year, but I haven't had confirmations yet. I will be updating as I receive information, so continue to check back.

[Dr. Hinson comment: this Dow announcement is not an internship, but it might be possible to develop it into one. Contact me if an internship is your interest, otherwise go directly to the contact below]

The Dow AgroSciences research station is seeking an undergraduate student studying within the field of agriculture to fill a summer term position. This position would be based out of our station in Greenville, MS but also support our regional scientist in AR, LA, MS, and TN. It would be a great opportunity for an individual that will pursue a career in agriculture.

We do not provide housing, but there are several affordable all inclusive (rent, furnished, utilities) options in Greenville. This, in combination with an attractive wage would still provide the student to earn some income during the summer.

If you have an interested candidates, please forward my contact information.

Regards,
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<http://www.agcareers.com/newsletters/internship17.htm>

This site contains information about several agbusiness internships, including

- **Land O Lakes**, Land O'Lakes, Inc. would be nothing without our amazing employees. Today, we are a Fortune 250 company and the third-largest cooperative in America.
- **Monsanto**, Monsanto offers the global agricultural industry and growers integrated solutions that combine our seeds, traits and chemicals. Based in St. Louis we operate a global business with over 12,000 employees worldwide. Opportunities are available in the following areas: R&D; Biotechnology; Genomics; Breeding; Crop Teams; Chemistry; Sales & Marketing; Seed Production Operations; Information Technology; Finance; Legal and many others departments. We also offer: Internships, Co-op assignments and entry-level positions. Monsanto realizes that a diverse and inclusive organization would give Monsanto a competitive advantage.
- **Pioneer Hi-Bred International**, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., a DuPont company, is the world's leading developer and supplier of advanced plant genetics to farmers worldwide. With headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa, Pioneer develops, produces and markets a full line of top-quality seeds and forage and grain additives and provides services to customers in nearly 70 countries.
- **ADM**, Archer Daniels Midland Company (ADM) is the world leader in BioEnergy and has a premier position in the agricultural processing value chain. ADM is one of the world's largest processors of soybeans, corn, wheat and cocoa. ADM is a leading manufacturer of biodiesel, ethanol, soybean oil and meal, corn sweeteners, flour and other value-added food and feed ingredients.
- **Syngenta Crop Protection Inc.** is one of the world's leading companies with 24,000 employees in over 90 countries dedicated to one purpose: **bringing plant potential to life.**
- AgCareers.com is the leading supplier of human resources needs for agriculture, food, natural resources and biotechnology. As part of their continued effort to reach out to college and university students throughout North America, each year they host a Campus Liaison program. This year AgCareers.com is seeking 9 students for this unique opportunity
- University Partners

Florida Crystals Corporation

A growing sugar company in South Florida, Florida Crystals has opportunities on its farms in south Florida for agronomy and agribusiness majors. The company provides unlimited opportunities in both rice and sugarcane. The Sugar Rotational Development Program will provide a chance to learn the sugar business with rotational assignments in planting, growing, harvesting, water management, and variety and biofuel development for the renewable energy business.

Jobs are located near West Palm Beach. Must be legally eligible for employment in the U. S. without sponsorship. Must have a minimum 2.5 gpa, good driving record, clean background check, ability to pass drug/alcohol test, and be physically able to work in an industrial/farming environment. Offers excellent pay and benefits including transportation assistance and bonuses.

If interested, contact Dr. Hinson

Cargill Corporation – grain handling and processing.

General application information for internships and full-time employment can be found on the site. Go to www.cargill.com/careers; Click on Opportunities; Click on College/University Recruiting; Click on Cargill Opportunities; Select and read Cargill Animal Nutrition job descriptions for Administrative Manager, Plant Manager and Consultant (full-time and intern); Click on the Gallup link to begin the assessment process. The assessment will take approximately one hour.

In the past, there have been local internship opportunities at the Westwego terminal, and/or at Reserve. These are parts of Cargill's "Grain and Oilseed Supply Chain". The two terminals are located on the lower Mississippi as transshipment points. The two plants export about 18 million tonnes of grains, oilseeds, and grain by-products and derivatives annually. This work is accomplished through year-round 24/7 operations. Commodities arrive 90% by barge and 10% by rail, and are loaded onto vessels for shipment around the world. The two facilities employ forty professional staff, and usually have a limited number of entry-level openings annually to replace people who promote "up" in the Cargill system. Recruiting and hiring **for interns and full time employment for these facilities** is done at the facility. Contact Dr. Hinson for information.

Anticipated hires include

1. production supervisors at Reserve and Westwego, typically from major including agricultural business, agricultural economics, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, industrial technology or agricultural
2. mechanization internships to high-performing undergraduate students interested in careers as supervisor, production manager, and maintenance manager.

Cargill retains a profile of hiring mainly at entry level, and promoting from within. The career track suggested above leads to expertise in large plant management, multiple facilities management, mechanical & electrical maintenance oversight, construction projects manager, or specialist in marine operations or grain handling. This is true for agri-related positions in North America and abroad.

Sunshine Equipment Company - summer internship at Baton Rouge store, perhaps at four other stores

Sunshine Equipment, on Airline Highway in Baton Rouge, is interested in hiring salespeople for the spring and summer seasons, with the possibility of summer internship and full-time work. New employees would train in sales through a program set up by the company, with sales training supplemented by store staff. If internship is requested, the student would have to meet departmental guidelines to qualify for the internship class (see criteria at

<http://www.agecon.lsu.edu/Internships/Internships.htm>). Sunshine would like to get salespeople in place and trained as soon as possible. Please respond to Dr. Hinson as soon as possible if you are interested, and interviews will be arranged.

Associated Grocers, Inc Baton Rouge – has an internship program in which ag business students have competed successfully. I will provide information as received.

Land O'Lakes Purina Feed LLC – for information, contact the Partners Advantage Recruiting Services, BRynn Burns, Recruiting Coordinator, abburns@landolakes.com

American Farm Bureau Federation Summer Internship

To: Interested Internship Applicants
From: Robert Young, Chief Economist
Date: December 18, 2009
Re: American Farm Bureau Federation Summer Internship

The American Farm Bureau Federation is seeking one student for a 2010 summer internship with the Department of Economic Analysis in its Washington, DC office. Interested applicants should have completed at least their sophomore year of undergraduate coursework, with a major in agricultural economics or a related field. The selected intern will be assigned to projects overseen by the Intern Coordinator, pertaining to timely topics important to agriculture and the rural economy. As such, applicants should specify how their background provides them with the proper knowledge and abilities to excel in this internship. The following is a short description of the issues that are commonly handled by our economists:

- Domestic Issues** – The AFBF Domestic Policy Economist is responsible for the analysis of a number of issues such as the farm bill, input costs, labor, taxes, entitlement programs and rural development.
- Trade and Crop Issues** – The AFBF Trade and Crops Economist is responsible for conducting research and analysis on crop markets as well as the impact of all international and trade issues such as bilateral, regional or global free trade agreements.
- Livestock Issues** – The AFBF Livestock Economist conducts research and analysis on diverse issues such as animal welfare, animal identification, industry concentration and organization and feed price impacts.
- Dairy and Regulatory Issues** – The AFBF Dairy and Regulatory Economist conducts analysis on dairy markets, dairy policy and environmental and regulatory issues affecting agriculture.

The intern could expect to be involved in all of these areas. There will be a strong focus on the applicant's ability to collect and analyze data, conduct issues based research and write brief reports on the aforementioned subject matters. A strong working knowledge of Microsoft Excel is preferred. This internship is probably best suited to the skill level of undergraduate students, but there is no restriction graduate student application.

Interns will receive a stipend equal to \$15 per hour, based on a 7.5 hour day, for work days included in the dates of the internship. The start and end dates of the internship are flexible, but the interns will be

expected to work a minimum of 8-10 weeks. Housing will not be provided by AFBF, but staff will be happy to assist with the search and provide some housing recommendations.

The deadline for application is **February 19, 2010**. Interns will be notified of their selection no later than March 19, 2010. **The application materials consist of a cover letter, resume, and two letters of recommendation.** The letters of recommendation should be sent directly from the recommender to AFBF. Materials may be sent via **mail, e-mail or fax** to:
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USDA Farm Service Agency

Example positions

Loan Specialist (Agricultural) positions located throughout the United States. Loan Specialists (Agricultural) perform a broad range of professional agricultural functions associated with providing supervised credit and technical assistance programs for agricultural enterprises and related rural activities. The work requires performance of broad technical and financial functions to assist farmers, ranchers, and other rural residents in the planning, development, operations, and maintenance of agricultural enterprises. Employees perform duties associated with making, servicing, and supervising loans and providing technical advice, guidance, and credit counseling to loan applicants and borrowers. Loan Specialists are required to successfully complete all the requirements of the Farm Loan Training Program.

The Career Intern Program is designed to attract college graduates and other candidates who have diverse professional experience, academic training, and competencies to careers in the Federal Service. Interns who participate in this two-year program receive valuable on-the-job experience as well as formal classroom training. After successful completion of the program, interns are eligible for conversion to permanent positions.

Contact

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Sanderson Farms - poultry industry.

Internships in production and in processing at Sanderson locations in Louisiana, Mississippi, and other states. Sanderson hosted a 'Super Chicken Road Show' early this semester to recruit

interns, and those who attend get first shot at locations. Internships that are not filled from the SCRS are offered to other interested students. Contact the company through its website.

Pilgrim's Pride - poultry industry. Internships in production and in processing were available in the past, and we are working to confirm those for 2010.

Manda's Fine Meats - processed meats industry. Internships in food safety and quality control at the Baton Rouge, La. location have been available in the past, and we are working to confirm for 2010.

Gilster/Mary Lee - packaged foods, mostly grain-based. Internships in a production plant at the Chester, Il. location. Don Welge, General Manager, is one of our most loyal alumni, and has made a standing offer to host interns. The company is a major supplier of private label packaged foods, with sales to WalMart, Associated Grocers, and many others.

Poultry Industry Summer Internship, deadline usually in March – 8 to 10 weeks of work with a poultry company in the southern region of the US. The announcement is on the bulletin board, second floor Ag Administration Building.

Ornamental Nurseries – contact Dr. Hinson
Windmill Nursery – Folsom, La. – working on a production nursery
Holloway's Nursery - Forest Hill, La. - working on a production nursery

USDA Foreign Agricultural Service's International Internship Program, deadlines below-- this announcement last year's but the program continues, so use the contact information if you are interested.

PAID INTERNATIONAL AND WASHINGTON, D.C. INTERNSHIPS WITH THE USDA FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE.

International Agricultural Internship Program

We are looking for a few outstanding senior and graduate level college and university students to work in our OVERSEAS offices to promote U.S. agricultural interests through the International Agricultural Internship Program (IAIP). The USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service, one of the

four U.S. government foreign service agencies, places about 10 students each semester (fall, spring and summer) with excellent analysis, marketing, writing, language and organizational skills and experience to work on international agricultural trade policy issues, commodity and market analysis and organizing trade events in our overseas offices for a 10-16 week PAID INTERNSHIP. U.S. citizen students who are majoring in a business or science related agricultural field, i.e. Ag Econ, Econ, Finance, Business or Marketing, International Studies or Relations, Law or in a Biotechnology Program are eligible. **Check the website for application/registration deadlines.** For more information about FAS internship programs, please click on <http://www.fas.usda.gov/admin/newjobs/newjobs.html>. For further information, email: internships@fas.usda.gov

Food Marketing Institute, 655 15th Street NW, Washington, DC. FMI has no formal internship program, but it has had a few internships over the years. All are unpaid. However, the organization is interested in interns. There are opportunities for excellent learning experiences. The organization has many employees who would be excellent teachers. If interested, become familiar with the organization through its website. Think about ideas about what an internship might be. Dr. Hinson can help with the contact, or go directly to FMI.

Food Institute, 1 Broadway, 2nd Floor, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407. FI's approach to interns is similar to that of FMI. www.foodinstitute.com

Baton Rouge Area Chamber - Research Internship
(this is last year's announcement, but make the contact if you are interested)

The Organization: The Baton Rouge Area Chamber (BRAC) leads economic development in the Baton Rouge metropolitan area.

The Position: The Research Intern is responsible for supporting a variety of projects and programs with analysis in the areas of economics and public policy. Major functions involve conducting analysis and summarizing specific policy issues, preparing economic and policy presentation materials, and supporting regular economic trends reporting and business intelligence endeavors. Additionally, the position may involve attendance at meetings that relate to economic development and/or public policy. The Research Intern position requires a commitment of 15-20 hours per week during school semesters with the potential for full-time work in the intersession and summer periods.

The Person: A successful candidate will demonstrate excellent analytical and writing capabilities, strong interpersonal skills, an interest in economic and community development, and an exceptional undergraduate academic record in a related field (significant progress towards a degree in economics, finance, management, political science, or public policy).

Application Deadline: not yet announced

To Apply: Please submit a cover letter and resume to Rachel Veron at rachel@brac.org. Any questions should be directed to this address. Please do not contact the office by phone or in person.

The Fund for American Studies (learn more from the website)

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