Mission Areas Presentations
By USDA Agencies Student Program Point of Contacts

Informational Sessions on USDA Career Opportunities
Food Safety (FS)

Food Safety and Inspection Service

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Our mission:

• Ensure the nation’s commercial supply of meat, poultry and egg products is safe, wholesome, correctly labeled and packaged

• Career opportunities:

  ✓ Public Health Inspection
  ✓ Scientific and Technical
  ✓ Administrative and Professional
Application Process and Point of Contact

For FSIS internships and recent graduates opportunities:

- Non-veterinary Students: announcements will be posted via www.usajobs.gov or www.studentapplication.usda.gov.
- Veterinary students: apply for the Veterinary Student Internship Program announcement via www.USAJobs.gov available November-December
- Recent Graduates: announcements will be posted via www.usajobs.gov

For FSIS externships (student volunteers):

- Email fsisstudentjobs@fsis.usda.gov

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National Forest System Lands (NFS)

- 191.6 Million Acres
- >9% of CONUS
- 155 National Forests
- 20 Grasslands
- 383,000 Miles of Road
- ~1.0 Billion Visits/Year
- Multiple Use Concept
- 50% of Western Water Supply
- ~35,000 Employees Nationwide
  (<590 law enforcement personnel)

“Science Serving Society”

FS Mission

- 5 Research Stations Forest Products Laboratory
- 1 International Institute of Tropical Forestry
- 77 Research Units
- 67 Locations
- 81 Experimental Forests
- 370 Research Natural Areas
- 550 Research Scientists
Educational Qualifications

• Forest Service hires for professional, technical, clerical and administrative positions.

• Forest Service hires up to 3,000 students and recent graduates depending on work needs and budget.

• Hiring for Student Temporary positions take place as early as March and may last through September.

• Forest Service hires students through the Pathways Internship Program year round.

• Recruitment for these positions start as early as November of each year.
Application Process:

• A cover letter to include information about the student and why they want to work for the forest Service,

• A current resume, to include references,

• Up-to-date college transcripts OR High School report Card. Unofficial transcripts/report cards or copies will be accepted if legible but must be include current GPA and degree program,

• Letter of Acceptance or Letter of Enrollment from educational institutions

• DD-214 (Member Copy 4) or other relevant documentation, if claiming Veteran’s Preference,

• Apply to open vacancy announcements, and

• Submit online application.

✓ NOTE: **DO NOT** put Social Security Numbers on any documents
Point of Contact

Apply at: http://www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs/
Send a one page resume to: http://www.studentapplication.usda.gov/
Contacts:

- National Employment Manager: Pedro M. Nieto: pmnieto@fs.fed.us
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- National Student Veteran & Disabilities: jmcmgrahran@fs.fed.us
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Mission

“Helping People Help the Land”
How Can You Be Involved?

NRCS Careers:

- Soil Conservationist
- Rangeland Specialist
- Soil Scientist
- Civil/Agricultural Engineer
- Biologist
Point of Contact

- For information on NRCS Pathways
  - Email
    - NRCS.recruitment@wdc.usda.gov
  - NRCS Student Information Site
  - Pathways Vacancies
    - www.usajobs.gov

- Stipends to assist with transportation or housing may be available

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Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services (FFAS)

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Farm Service Agency (FSA)

- FSA ensures the well-being of American agriculture, the environment, and the American public through the administration of farm commodity program; farm ownership.
  - operating and emergency loans
  - conservation and environment program
  - emergency and disaster assistance
  - domestic and international food assistance

- FSA programs are delivered through an extensive network of offices located throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.
Foreign Agricultural Services (FAS)

- FAS works to improve foreign market access for U.S. products. FAS operates market development and assistance programs designed to build new markets and improve the competitive position of U.S. agriculture in the global marketplace.

- FAS programs help U.S. exporters develop and maintain markets overseas for hundreds of food and agricultural products, from bulk commodities to brand-name items.
RMA administers the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) programs and promotes national welfare by improving the economic stability of agriculture through a secure system of crop insurance and risk management tools.

RMA meets the crop insurance and risk management needs of the Nation’s small and limited-resource farmers and ranchers through a network of public and private-sector partners.

Together, RMA and these partners create new crop insurance and risk management products, provide risk management education and outreach, and ensure program accessibility and integrity.
FFAS Programs

- FFAS actively participates in a variety of student programs offered during the summer and year-round.

- We offer challenging careers, career development opportunities, excellent benefits, and competitive salaries.

- FFAS participates in the following Programs for students and Recent Graduated:
  - The Pathways Program
  - Internship Program
  - Recent Graduate Program
  - Presidential Management Fellowship Program (PMF)
  - Washington Internship for Native Students (WINS)
  - Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)
  - Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP)
  - International Agricultural Internship Program (FAS ONLY)
  - Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)
  - Student Volunteer Program
FFAS Career

Accounting
Budget
Contracting/ Procurement
Human Resources
Public Affairs
Computer Sciences
Agricultural Business
Crop Insurance
Economics

Agricultural Management
Agricultural Marketing
International Trade
Economics
Loan Management /Finance
Criminal Justice
Equal Opportunity
Soil Science /Conservation
All Pathways Program opportunities will be posted on USAjobs.com

Tips for successful applicants

1. Follow all of the instructions
2. Submit/upload all documents that are requested

For the remaining programs, please go to www.usda.gov to find out how to apply
Point of Contact

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Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services (FNCS)

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Our Agency

- Divided in 2 sub-agencies:
  - Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)
  - Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP)

Our mission

- To provide children and needy families better access to food and a more healthful diet through its food assistance programs and comprehensive nutrition education efforts.

- FNS works in partnership with the States in all its programs. Headquarter is located in Alexandria VA with offices in 7 Regions to include:
  - Robbinsville, NJ
  - Chicago, IL
  - Denver, CO
  - San Francisco, CA
  - Boston, MA
  - Atlanta, GA
  - Dallas, TX
FNS Programs:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Women's, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- School Breakfast Program
- School Lunch Program
- Summer Food Service Program
- Child and Adult Care Food Program
FNS Student Internship Opportunities

- **Career opportunities:**
  - Nutritionist
  - Dietitian
  - Management Analyst
  - Office Assistant
  - Human Resources
  - Budget/Financial Specialist
  - Accountant
  - Policy Specialist

- When available, internships will be advertised on [USAJobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)

- Currently accepting applications for the Volunteer Internship Program (non-paid). **Academic credit available.**
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Marketing and Regulatory Programs (MRP)

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MRP facilitates domestic and international marketing of U.S. agricultural products and ensures the health and care of animals and plants.

- Agencies:

  - Agricultural Marketing Services (AMS)
  - Animal Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS)
  - Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)
# MRP Student Internship Opportunities

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• Applying to MRP internships:
  
  ✓ For summer student positions and for other internship or scholarship opportunities, please visit [www.USAJobs.gov](http://www.USAJobs.gov)

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Rural Development (RD)

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Rural Development committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in rural America. Through our programs, we touch rural America in many ways.

Agencies:
- Rural Housing Service (RUS)
- Rural Business Service (RBS)
- Rural Utilities Service (RUS)
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Application Process & RD Point of Contact

- Applying to RD internships:
  - For summer student positions and for other internship or scholarship opportunities, please visit [www.USAJobs.gov](http://www.USAJobs.gov)

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  - Leo Gomez
  - RD Student Employment Coordinator
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Mission Areas:

The Research, Education and Economics (REE) Mission Area is dedicated to the creation of a safe, sustainable, competitive U.S. food and fiber system and strong, healthy communities, families, and youth through integrated research, analysis and education.

• The five agencies are:

  ➢ The Agricultural Research Service (ARS)
  ➢ The Economic Research Service (ERS),
  ➢ The National Agricultural Library (NAL),
  ➢ The National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), and
  ➢ The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).
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<th>Agricultural Research Service</th>
<th>Mary Weber</th>
<th><a href="mailto:Mary.Weber@ars.usda.gov">Mary.Weber@ars.usda.gov</a></th>
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<td>Mary DeNardo</td>
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<td>202-720-4971</td>
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<td>National Institute of Food and Agriculture</td>
<td>Eboni Wiggins</td>
<td><a href="mailto:Eboni.Wiggins@ars.usda.gov">Eboni.Wiggins@ars.usda.gov</a></td>
<td>301-504-1757</td>
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<td>Economic Research Service (Serves ERS)</td>
<td>Loretta Miller</td>
<td><a href="mailto:erssummerinterns@ers.usda.gov">erssummerinterns@ers.usda.gov</a></td>
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Complete the survey:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/USDAInformationalSessions-CareerOpportunities

Begin Typing Your Questions
All questions must be submitted via the Q&A chat room, and addressed to ‘all presenters’ in order to be answered.

If your question is not answered in the time allowed, please email us at USDA.Internships@dm.usda.gov

Thank you and happy summer employment Federal Job Hunting!