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The State of Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) is accepting applications for 2018 Spring Interns through the Governor's Internship Program. Interested individuals may apply for the program at:

<https://governor.ks.gov/serving-kansans/internship>.

Please note in the required Statement of Interest, the specific KDA internship for which you are applying. Deadline for the completed application packet is November 15, 2017. **In addition to the documents stated for the on-line application, a completed application includes two letters of reference by November 15.** Unless otherwise noted, all internship positions will be located in Manhattan, KS. Starting date will be on or after January 14, 2018.

The Division of Agriculture Advocacy, Marketing, and Outreach is seeking a candidate who can commit 15-20 hours per week to take charge of the Farmers' Market Consumer Recruitment Grant project and work on other marketing projects for KDA as assigned. Parts of the grant include planning events at five farmers' markets across the state, designing media pieces for an online toolkit (using Adobe Creative Cloud software) to promote farmers market, planning and managing a social media campaign, and working with the marketing team and farmers' market managers to develop marketing strategies for farmers' markets. Other projects may include From the Land of Kansas program communications and marketing assignments and events. Preferred majors include: Ag Communications, Ag Business and Marketing.

The Division of Agriculture Advocacy, Marketing, and Outreach has a general ag marketing internship available. The expectations for this internship position are: assist with planning and execution of winter and early spring constituent business education sessions, support Ag Month (March) advocacy and outreach activities and events, and provide support for agriculture education events and initiatives. Preferred majors include: Ag Communications, Ag Business, Ag Education and Marketing.

The Emergency Management Program has four internships available for spring 2018. The interns will work with selected feed yard, dairy, and swine personnel to assist them with the development of biosecurity and emergency response plans that would be used in a variety of circumstances, but primarily with an animal disease event affecting dairy and beef cattle and swine. The right candidates should be quick learners, have a working understanding of the animal agriculture industry and excellent communication skills. Travel will be expected and training provided. Preferred majors include: Animal Science or College of Veterinary Medicine.

Questions regarding internship positions with the Kansas Department of Agriculture, through the Governor's Internship Program, can be directed to Dana Ladner, Compliance Education Coordinator. Contact information: Dana.Ladner@ks.gov or 785-564-6660.

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to contact the Coordinator if reasonable accommodations are needed for any part of the application or hiring process. The Kansas Department of Agriculture is an Equal Opportunity Employer.