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The State of Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) is accepting applications for 2018 Summer 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 **March 1, 2018**. In addition to the documents stated for the on-line application, a completed application includes two letters of reference by **March 1**. Unless otherwise noted, all internship positions will be located in Manhattan, KS. Starting date will be on or after May 21, 2018.

The Division of Agriculture Advocacy, Marketing, and Outreach has an International and/or Agribusiness Development intern (20-30 hours per week) available. The intern will be responsible for assisting with coordination and participation with in-bound and out-bound buyer's missions, as well as, partnering with Food Export Midwest to support member state's international agribusiness development activities. Preference will be given to students with an interest in domestic and international agribusiness development. Students with an interest in developing relationships with representatives from foreign countries should consider this opportunity. Excellent written and oral communication skills are essential along with the ability to work independently. Ag Business majors with an emphasis in International Business and Political Science majors with an emphasis in International Studies preferred.

The Division of Agriculture Advocacy, Marketing, and Outreach is seeking a candidate who can commit 40 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 one Ag Communications/Marketing intern opening available. Interns assigned to the Ag Marketing division will complete projects associated with the growth and promotion of Kansas agricultural companies and products. Interns will specifically work on the From the Land of Kansas trademark program working on new membership recruitment, blogs and website content planning, mobile app management and communications/promotional materials. Preference will be given to students with strong written and oral communication skills, as well as, a basic understanding of the agriculture sector and marketing plans. Ag Communications, Ag Business, and Marketing majors preferred.

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 summer constituent business education sessions, complete projects as assigned in agriculture education/FFA area and provide support for agriculture education events and initiatives. Preferred majors include: Ag Communications, Ag Business, Ag Education and Marketing.

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The Division of Communications has an opening for an intern to work with the director of communications and the director of public relations on a variety of projects including social media planning, graphic design projects and the development and execution of press releases. Upper class communications and design majors preferred. Experience in Adobe Creative Suite and Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram platforms preferred. Video experience a plus. Preferred majors include Ag Communications, Journalism, and Marketing.

The Office of the Economist is seeking an intern for summer 2018. Projects will include basic data collection, statistical analysis, and economic modeling. The intern will also have the opportunity to learn more about agriculture as a driving force of economics in Kansas at the county level and provide metrics that are utilized by a variety of outlets. Preferred majors include: Agricultural Economics, Economics, and Agribusiness.

The Emergency Management Program has multiple internships available for summer 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.

The Weights and Measures Program has an opening for an intern. The intern project will be to design and develop a data base for the collection of fuel sample data. The final product will allow access to data for statistical inquiries. Preferred major: Computer Science.

The Office of the Secretary has two openings for summer interns. The interns will assist the Executive team with research, coordination and participation in projects associated with the ongoing activities of the agency. The selected interns should have a broad view of agriculture to support the farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses served by the agency. Preference will be given to students with strong written and oral communication skills, as well as, attention to detail, excellent time management skills and the ability to work independently.

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.