



## **Nebraska Corn Board and National Corn Growers Association Internship Washington, D.C.**

### **Position Summary**

Position Summary: Policy, Membership and Corn Industry Leadership Internship in Washington, D.C. Sponsored by the Nebraska Corn Board (NCB), the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA).

### **About**

The Nebraska Corn Board manages the corn checkoff investment by striving to connect corn producers to their customers, new products and markets, important research and policymakers on Capitol Hill. We aim to capture the greatest value for corn producers amidst an ever-changing industry.

The National Corn Growers Association is a membership organization and a federation of states that works with and for the corn states in the U.S. NCGA exists to coordinate the focus, interest and power of their dual membership into a national effort for the corn farmers in the U.S.

### **Timeline**

Mid-May through Mid-August, with appropriate holiday leave

### **Duties & Responsibilities**

Intern would be mentored and assigned responsibilities on a day-to-day basis by the NCGA staff. Students will obtain a working knowledge of the following:

- Office operations of the NCGA
- The importance of grower membership lobbying
- Various bills and policies important to corn growers
- Inter-relationships of other ag and ag industry groups in D.C.
- The process of influencing legislation
- Hands-on work and lobbying experience on the Hill
- Opportunities to represent NCGA as assigned in meetings and reporting back to staff
- Meeting NCGA leadership and supporting their efforts
- Introduction to the Targeted Agricultural Education Program supported with NCB funding
- Knowledge gained on Farm Bill, Trade Policy, Energy Bill, Rural Development, Conservation, and Transportation issues

### **Qualifications**

IANR/CASNR Student

Agricultural background necessary

Interest in the political process, agricultural policy and agricultural economics

Proven communication abilities in written and verbal forms of communications

Excellent computer skills

Sophomore standing or above

### **Recommended Coursework**

Agricultural Statistics, Ag Policy, Agricultural Economics, International Agriculture/Marketing, Political Science or Marketing

### **Stipened**

Nebraska Corn Board will provide a \$4,000 cost of living stipend which will be paid to the student, as well as providing one flight transportation to and from D.C. Prefer student to coordinate with the NCB/USGC intern on travel expenses and housing suggestions will be provided.

### **Opportunity for Independent Study**

Will work with the University to receive credit hours

**Application Process**

Resume and letter of application should be sent to:

*NCGA D.C. Intern Position  
Nebraska Corn Board  
301 Centennial Mall South, 4th Floor  
P.O. Box 95107  
Lincoln, NE 68509*

Applications will also be accepted by Fax – 402-471-3345 or E-mail – [janet.miller@nebraska.gov](mailto:janet.miller@nebraska.gov)

**Applications are due in the Nebraska Corn Board office by 5:00 p.m. on February 15, 2012.**