



Are you a college student interested in animal and plant health? Would you like to learn about the many career paths open in agriculture and natural resources? We have a unique opportunity for you.

Native American-Serving Institutions Internship Program

Shaping the Future of Agriculture by Investing in Students

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has internships¹ available within our Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, also known as “APHIS.” We have partnered with several Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) and other Native American-Serving Institutions (NASIs) to offer this opportunity for college students. Successful applicants receive a paid, 8-week summer position with APHIS at one of our offices around the country. It’s a chance to get valuable, first-hand experience in APHIS’ day-to-day work, as well as insights into public service and working for a Federal agency.



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¹ These internships are not part of USDA Pathways Programs. For information about opportunities offered through USDA Pathways, go to www.usda.gov/our-agency/careers/usda-pathways-programs.



What Does an Intern Do?

Based on career interests and skills, student interns work with one of APHIS' operational programs or support units. Interns get professional experience in such areas as: field work (e.g., pest surveys, disease eradication, wildlife management), laboratory research, administration, data analysis, budget and accounting, communications and outreach, and other technical and scientific work related to agricultural health.

APHIS pays for all travel and housing costs during the internship.

To Apply

Submit a complete application package to a participating school that includes the following:

- ▲ Résumé
- ▲ Letter of interest
- ▲ Unofficial transcript
- ▲ Three letters of recommendation
- ▲ Copies of degrees, certificates, or diplomas (e.g., Associate's Degree, General Educational Development, High School)
- ▲ An application form (available directly from any participating school)

Eligibility

Each applicant must be:

- ▲ A U.S. citizen
- ▲ Currently enrolled full time in a qualifying educational institution
- ▲ In good academic standing, having at least a 2.5 grade point average

To obtain and submit an application, contact one of these schools:

Navajo Technical University (New Mexico)

Dr. Germaine Daye, *Associate Professor of Veterinary Technology*
Director of NTU Veterinary Teaching Hospital
landgrant@navajotech.edu ▲ (505) 387-7410

Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (New Mexico)

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University of North Carolina at Pembroke (North Carolina)

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About APHIS

APHIS is a multifaceted agency with a broad mission to protect the health and value of American agriculture and natural resources. Our programs and services touch the lives of all Americans and many people around the world every day. To learn more, visit www.aphis.usda.gov/careers.

Operational Program Units

Animal Care ▲ Ensures the humane treatment of vulnerable animals nationwide by administering two important laws: the Animal Welfare Act and the Horse Protection Act

Biotechnology Regulatory Services ▲ Protects against risks to U.S. plant health by overseeing the safe import, interstate movement, and environmental release/field testing of certain organisms developed using genetic engineering

International Services ▲ Works with foreign government officials and industries worldwide to carry out our agency's mission on the global stage

Plant Protection and Quarantine ▲ Safeguards American agriculture against invasive pests and facilitates the safe trade of agricultural products

Veterinary Services ▲ Responds to disease emergencies; manages national programs to control or eliminate animal diseases; conducts diagnostic testing; ensures pure, safe, potent, and effective veterinary biologics; and facilitates the safe trade of animals and animal products

Wildlife Services ▲ Provides national leadership and expertise to manage conflicts between people and wildlife so they can coexist



Management Support Units

Emergency and Regulatory Compliance Services

▲ Provides leadership on emergency preparedness and response, regulatory investigative and enforcement activities, safety initiatives, and the regulation of agricultural select agents

Office of Civil Rights, Diversity, and Inclusion

▲ Provides leadership, direction, and technical support to all APHIS employees and external service recipients on civil rights matters

Legislative and Public Affairs

▲ Manages communications with APHIS stakeholders, States, Tribal Governments and organizations, Congress, trading partners, the media, and the public

Marketing and Regulatory Programs Business Services

▲ Provides resource management and administrative services to APHIS and USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service

Policy and Program Development

▲ Analyzes policies and develops budgets and regulations consistent with APHIS' environmental stewardship goals and legal authorities; also evaluates agency programs for efficiency and effectiveness