

Post-Secondary Internship Position At Agriculture And Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)

Strategic Policy Branch (SPB), Policy Development and Analysis Directorate (PDAD), Supply Management and Livestock Policy Team (SMLP)

Location: Remote tele-working from a Canadian Province or Territory or on-site in Ottawa¹, Ontario, Canada

Classification: Student

Duration: eight or four months

Application Deadline: March 21, 2021

About Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)

AAFC provides leadership in the growth and development of a competitive, innovative and sustainable agriculture and agri-food sector. The activities of the Department range from the farmer to the consumer, from the farm to global markets, through all phases of producing, processing and marketing of farm, food and bio-based products. Agriculture is also a shared jurisdiction in Canada, and the Department works closely with provincial and territorial governments in the development and delivery of policies and programs.

Work Environment

Are you a creative, focused individual interested in policy work and looking for an exciting and fast-paced work environment? AAFC's Strategic Policy Branch is currently seeking an ambitious and energetic student to join its Supply Management and Livestock Policy Division (SMLP). SMLP plays a key role in the development of policy and the analysis of key issues pertaining to the livestock and supply managed sectors in Canada. SMLP relies on close collaboration with internal and external partners to integrate and generate horizontal policy, processes, and products. We offer candidates exciting opportunities to gain experience on a wide range of agricultural issues in a dynamic and positive environment.

Key Responsibilities

- Assisting the team in advancing key policy files for the agriculture and agri-food sector, such as preparedness planning for African Swine Fever and compensation for supply managed sectors;
- Participating in everyday policy activities including developing briefing materials, writing Ministerial correspondence, and providing policy advice and recommendations and present findings to management;
- Engaging with government officials from different teams and participating in industry meetings and/or working groups; and
- Conducting in-depth research and analysis on current challenges and opportunities facing the sector.

Intent of the process

¹ Please note that given current circumstances related to COVID-19, students may be asked to work remotely.

We are seeking candidates who demonstrate strong initiative and writing skills, and are experienced in research and analysis. Ideal candidates will have a can-do attitude, enjoy a challenge, and be willing to help out wherever needed. If you are looking for a new opportunity to gain or expand your experience working in public policy, then this could be your opportunity.

In order to be considered, your application must clearly explain how you meet the following (essential qualifications)

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for a public service job through this program, you need to meet the following requirements:

- you must be a full-time student at a Canadian post-secondary institution, residing in Canada throughout the duration of the employment term.

Note: Preference will be given to Canadian citizens who meet the job requirements.

Information you must provide

- Your résumé and covering letter
- Please note in your resume or covering letter your preferred duration of hire

References

- Two references will be required at the candidate consideration stage. At least one from a former manager/employer. References should be able to validate your experience and competencies with concrete examples.

Hiring decisions may be based on one or more of the following criteria:

- Matching of the individual's experience or qualifications to the strengths and weaknesses of the work team.
- Matching of the individual's experience or qualifications to the specific duties of the position being staffed.
- Depth, breadth, type of work-specific experience.
- Level/degree of one or more competencies/qualifications.

AAFC is committed to developing inclusive, barrier-free selection processes and work environments. If contacted in relation to a job opportunity, you should advise the official who contacted you in a timely fashion of the accommodation measures which must be taken to enable you to be assessed in a fair and equitable manner. Information received relating to accommodation measures will be addressed confidentially.

Please send your completed application to adam.deochand@canada.ca by March 21st, 2021.

We thank all those who apply.