



California Department of Food and Agriculture Internship Program

Agriculture is a major industry for the Golden State. With 80,500 farms and ranches, California agriculture is a \$42.6 billion dollar industry that generates at least \$100 billion in related economic activity. The California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) mission is, "to serve the citizens of California by promoting and protecting a safe, healthy food supply, and enhancing local and global agricultural trade, through efficient management, innovation, and sound science, with a commitment to environmental stewardship."

In 1919, the California Legislature created a single department responsible for protecting and promoting agriculture. CDFA is now organized into six divisions and operates at more than 100 locations throughout the state. These divisions provide valuable services to producers, merchants, and the public. Many of them are conducted in partnership with local county offices of the agricultural commissioners and sealers.

CDFA strives to support innovation and agricultural diversity. One way to support these efforts is through working with future generations of agriculturalists. The Division of Inspection Services is offering a 2016 summer paid internship for college students and recent college graduates seeking to gain a better understanding of California agriculture as well as the role CDFA has among the state's agricultural systems.

If you wish to apply, please fill out an application and mail it to:

California Department of Food and Agriculture
Attn: Irene Vera, Division of Inspection Services
1220 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Applications must be received by February 16, 2016. Interviews will take place in the spring, and the internship will start in early summer and be completed by fall. Exact dates will be determined based upon individual school schedules. Interns will be paid \$13.43 per hour, up to 40 hours per week.

Thank you for your interest. Should you have questions, please call (916) 900-5020, or email irene.vera@cdfa.ca.gov.



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

California Department of Food and Agriculture
Division of Inspection Services
Internship Application

Full Name of Applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Current/Past College Attended: _____

Major and/or Minor: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Good Academic Standing: **Yes** or **No**

Number of hours available to dedicate to this internship: _____

Please complete the following:

1. Please fill out the Standard State Application Form 678 and submit a copy with your application. The application can be found at:
<https://jobs.ca.gov/profile/stateapplication>
2. Please include a resume with your application.
3. In a cover letter, please describe how receiving this internship would help you obtain your educational and professional goals.

Signature

I certify that the above information and the all other materials contained in this application, is accurate to the best of my ability.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Descriptions of Each Branch within the Division of Inspection Services

Please rank your level of interest (1-4) for the programs below (1-being the most interested, and 4-being the least interested).

Center for Analytical Chemistry

The Center for Analytical Chemistry (CAC) is a state-of-the-art chemistry laboratory with facilities located in Sacramento and Anaheim, California. Their mission is to provide impartial, timely, accurate, and cost effective analytical services. The Center consists of two main sections – Food safety and Environmental Safety.

Feed, Fertilizer, and Livestock Drugs Regulatory Services

The Feed, Fertilizer and Livestock Drugs Regulatory Services (FFLDRS) Branch primary focus is to ensure in every way possible a clean and wholesome supply of meat, milk, and eggs to promote environmentally safe and agronomically sound use of fertilizer materials. This is performed through regulating manufacturing and labeling, of both fertilizing materials, and feed and livestock drugs.

Inspection & Compliance

The Inspection and Compliance (I&C) Branch oversees the fair and orderly marketing of agricultural commodities in California. The six main programs of the branch are designed to protect producers, packers, shippers, and processors while ensuring the quality of both fresh and processed fruits and vegetables offered to California's consumers. These branches include: Shipping Point Inspection, Standardization, Citrus, Avocado, Direct Marketing, and the Organic Program (programs within these branches also provide third party, food safety audit services).

The Office of Farm to Fork

CDFA's Office of Farm to Fork (F2F) is committed to helping all Californians access healthy and nutritious California-grown food. The Office connects individual consumers, school districts, and others directly with California's farmers and ranchers, and provides information resources. The Office focuses on reducing food insecurity and supporting farm to school programs. For more information visit www.cafarmtofork.com.