



2014 ASAS Science Policy Summer Internship Program

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Application deadline: Monday, October 28, 2013

PURPOSES

1. Provide experience for undergraduates or graduate students in legislative, regulatory, or administrative science policy activities in Washington, DC that affect animal science and animal agriculture to enhance their careers in academia or industry.
2. Provide assistance with federal legislative, regulatory, or administrative science policy activities to enhance support for animal science and animal agriculture in Washington, DC.
3. Provide undergraduate or graduate students opportunities to communicate science to policy makers and the general public.
4. Encourage more people to choose a career in public policy at the federal, state, or local level.

ELIGIBILITY

1. At the date of application, students must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program closely related to animal science (e.g., agricultural economics, agricultural business, food science/products, environment) in an accredited college or university in the United States.
2. Experience with farm animals, equine or companion animals is desired, but not necessary.
3. Must be a citizen of the United States of America.
4. Preference will be given to students that are members of ASAS. Information on ASAS membership is available at: www.asas.org/membership-services.

AMOUNT OF AWARD

\$3,500 (payable at the start of the internship). Term of Internship: 60-90 days during the academic summer session in 2014.

**Questions about the internship may be directed to: meghanwr@asas.org
To join ASAS, go to ASAS.org**



The American Society of Animal Science fosters the discovery, sharing and application of scientific knowledge concerning the responsible use of animals to enhance human life and well-being.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Send one email message with the following items to Dr. Meghan Wulster-Radcliffe, CEO ASAS (MeghanWR@asas.org) by 5:00 p.m. (Pacific) on Monday, October 28, 2013. All documents must be prepared with an 11-point font or larger and one-inch margins on all four sides of the page. A complete application package must include the following four items:

1. A one-page cover letter with a description of the applicant's background, interest in the internship, and career goals.
2. A one-page statement of the applicant's views on an issue relevant to animal agriculture. This will be used to evaluate the applicant's knowledge of current issues and their written communication skills.
3. A curriculum vita/resume/biosketch.
4. Two letters of reference (one-page each). Note: letters of reference may be sent directly to MeghanWR@asas.org rather than submitted by the applicant. References should be from people who can address the applicant's professional credentials and interest in science policy.

Incomplete application packages will not be reviewed.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee chosen from ASAS leaders, the Federation of Animal Science Societies (FASS) Science Policy Directors, and representatives from the ASAS Foundation and the ASAS Appreciation Clubs.

The top applicants must be available to participate in a thirty-minute teleconference with the review committee during the week of November 11, 2013.

Final decisions will be made and awardees will be notified by November 22, 2013

PLACEMENT IN AN INTERNSHIP

The FASS Science Policy Directors will be responsible for placement of the Intern in an office in Washington, DC.

To help define the scope of the internship, the following priorities will be used:

1. A House or Senate committee with jurisdiction over agriculture, food safety, or the environment.
2. The office of a Representative, Senator, or a member of a congressional committee involved with current issues affecting animal agriculture, food safety, or the environment.
3. An administrative office closely involved with animal agriculture, food safety, or the environment, such as the USDA, EPA, or FDA.

POTENTIAL DUTIES

1. Conduct literature searches or other research relevant to current issues regarding animal agriculture, food safety, or the environment.
2. Prepare draft reports or briefs on an issue for use by congressional staff or federal agencies.
3. Identify scientists in academia and/or industry to provide expert testimony on current issues related to animal agriculture, food safety, or the environment.
4. Attend hearings and provide written reports.
5. Write a weekly blog that describes activities related to the internship and prepare a one-page article on the internship experience for the summer issues of *Taking Stock DC*.

The ASAS Foundation would like to continue to enhance the ASAS Science Policy Summer Internship Program in Washington, DC. If you are interested in making a donation to the program, please visit the ASAS Foundation Website: <https://www.asas.org/membership-services/foundation>.

