

Agricultural Policy Intern Scholar Program

Program Overview: The Maddy Institute's *Agricultural Policy Internship Program* will offer an exceptional opportunity for Valley students to gain hands-on experience working directly with California's agriculture government agencies in Sacramento over the Summer. Interns will have the opportunity to:

- Gain a deeper understanding of CA's agricultural industry, its challenges, and the policies that shape it.
- Have direct insight on the daily operations of regulatory ag agencies in CA.
- Work closely with the state's key ag stakeholders and policymakers.
- Develop public leadership skills to help pursue a career in ag policy and advocacy.

Internship Timeline: June to August

Scholarship: \$6,000 (*Note: A portion of the scholarship will be used to cover the costs of housing.*)

Housing: The Maddy Institute will assist with housing.

Responsibilities: Intern responsibilities vary depending on the agency and the department within the agency; however, common tasks may include:

- Conduct research on current agricultural policies, regulations, and issues.
- Help analyze the impact ag policies have on various stakeholders, including farmers, consumers, and the environment.
- Monitor relevant legislation.
- Work closely with stakeholders, including farmers, industry representatives, and the public, to gather information about policies and programs.
- Draft and edit documents such as policy briefs, newsletters, and press releases.
- Assist in the preparation of materials for hearings, meetings, or briefings.
- Provide administrative support to department staff.
- Take on special projects or assignments as directed by staff.
- Participate in visits to farms or ag related events.

Location: Sacramento

Eligibility:

- Open to all majors
- Have a 3.0 overall GPA or higher
- Be at least a Junior in standing (60 units completed) OR be a Graduate student in standing during the semester of the internship
- Be able to work full-time in Sacramento over the summer
- Demonstrate a strong interest in ag and ag policy
- Must have a Valley connection