

Environmental Policy Intern

The Corn Refiners Association (CRA) is the national trade association representing the corn refining industry of the United States. CRA and its predecessors have served this important segment of American agribusiness since 1913. Corn refiners manufacture sweeteners, ethanol, starch, bioproducts, corn oil and feed products from corn components such as starch, oil, protein and fiber.

What You Will Learn

CRA values its interns and endeavors to provide a learning experience that advances your career development.

- Interns are treated as entry level professionals and assist with various projects throughout their time at CRA. Successful interns are enthusiastic about working on a wide variety of tasks in a fast-paced, team environment.
- Interns are assigned to work on active issues faced by CRA including, but not limited to:
 - Assist the Environmental Affairs Committee with analysis of Federal environmental regulations at all stages of development, from initial proposal to implementation, to determine impacts to CRA members and recommend course of action in consultation with industry partners. CRA member companies face a multitude of Federal regulatory and policy concerns related to national ambient air quality standards, cooling water intake structures, biogenic CO₂ emissions, chemical safety and much more.
 - Assist the Sustainability Committee in its review of upstream sustainability programs that seek to make continuous improvements at the farm-level to reduce environmental impact of the corn purchased for use in CRA member refining facilities. Additional work on sustainability focuses on continuously improving sustainability at the production facilities CRA members operate.

- Assist the Advanced Bioproducts Committee and the Plant Based Products Council with research and policy analysis to help support advancement of biobased products and supporting recycling and composting infrastructure.
 - Interns may also be asked to support additional CRA committees including Communications, Government Relations, Health & Wellness, Product Safety & Quality, Trade, Advanced Bioproducts, and Workplace Safety based on the current needs of the Association.
- The Internship Program at CRA is designed for recent university graduates and graduate students. Rising seniors performing at an exceptional level will also be considered. Qualified candidates should have or be working towards a degree in Environmental Science or Policy, Agribusiness, Environmental Engineering, Public Policy, or related area of study.

Qualifications

- A minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Strong communication skills.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel and PowerPoint).
- Organized, with an ability to prioritize multiple time-sensitive assignments.
- A genuine interest in policy development.

Additional Details

- The Internship Program at CRA is a paid (\$20 per hour) position. If you would like to receive credit in addition to or in lieu of wages, please consult with your department head or academic advisor.

- Internships are available on a year-round basis. See the semester schedules for more information on deadlines.
- In general, we anticipate that interns will work full-time during their semester of employment at CRA. However, CRA is open to accepting candidates who would work less than full-time so they may take classes at a local university. This flexibility is intended to attract candidates from outside the DC-area who may want to take advantage of the many local learning opportunities available while interning at CRA. This arrangement also offers a flexible internship opportunity for student enrolled fulltime at a DC-based institution.
- No benefits are provided.

To Apply

- Interested applicants should email their cover letter, resume, cumulative GPA, and contact information for 3 references to careers@corn.org using the subject line “RE: Environmental Policy Intern”.
- At least one reference should be a current Professor or Academic Advisor familiar with your academic record. Pre-written letters of recommendation are not accepted. We will contact references directly only for top candidates and only after notifying the intern candidate.
- No phone calls will be accepted.

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