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2016 National Teach Ag Campaign Intern Position Announcement

What is NAAE?

NAAE is the professional association for school-based agriculture teachers. NAAE is... “Professionals providing agricultural education for the global community through visionary leadership, advocacy and service.” There are nearly 8,000 members of NAAE nationwide who are agricultural educators in middle schools, secondary schools, postsecondary institutions, agricultural education faculty in colleges and universities, statewide coordinators of agricultural education, college/university agricultural education students and others who support the school-based agricultural education profession.

What is the National Teach Ag Campaign?

The National Teach Ag Campaign is designed to raise awareness of the need to recruit and retain quality and diverse agriculture teachers, encourage others to consider a career teaching agriculture, and celebrate the positive contributions that agriculture teachers make in their schools and communities. The National Teach Ag Campaign is an initiative of the National Council for Agricultural Education led by the National Association of Agricultural Educators sponsored by the CHS Foundation, DuPont Pioneer and Growth Energy as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Position Description –National Teach Ag Campaign (NTAC) Internship

The National Teach Ag Campaign Internship is a component of the National Teach Ag Campaign funded through the CHS Foundation, DuPont Pioneer and Growth Energy as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. The National Teach Ag Campaign and NAAE will be coordinating the hiring of one intern for this position. The intern position will start in May 2016 and the end date will depend on performance but may last until December 2016. The intern will be stationed out of the NAAE office located on the campus of the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY during the summer. The remainder of the internship will be done remotely at a site mutually agreed upon by the intern and the NTAC. This extended position is contingent upon adequate performance during the summer. The responsibilities of the intern will vary depending on the needs and direction of the National Teach Ag Campaign. However the Intern can expect to participate in a variety of career building tasks that may include: maintenance of the Teach Ag Campaign Member database, participating in the Teach Ag Campaign advisory board conference calls, communication between National Teach Ag Campaign and students, Teach Ag website updates and content, coordinate various components of the NTAC, content webinar coordination, resource creation, social media, project organization and transparency, administrative tasks including; email generation, copies, supply acquisition, shipping, merchandise order and other duties as assigned and mutually agreed upon.

In addition to the requirements as assigned by the National Teach Ag Campaign Project Director you will also be asked to share your experience along the way with NAAE members, Ag Education students, and potentially high school students.

This position has the potential to be a 7-month assignment. The exact dates of the internship are negotiable and will be mutually agreed upon by the NTAC and the Intern. The internship may begin as early as May 2016 and end as late as December 2016. It will be expected that the intern will document approximately 500 hours over the course of the 7 months. This averages about 40 hours a week in the summer and 10 hours a week during the academic year. The intern will be able to maintain full-time student status during the internship.

The intern may also be asked to attend the 2016 National Teach Ag Day Virtual Celebration, the 2016 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN and the 2016 NAAE Convention in Las Vegas, NV among others. If travel is required for these tasks the National Teach Ag Campaign will cover the travel and expenses.

The intern will report to the National Teach Ag Campaign Project Director. All completed work is subject to the approval of the National Teach Ag Campaign.

Position Requirements

Education:

As of January 1, 2016 candidates must be a current college freshman, sophomore, junior, post-baccalaureate students working on certification in Agricultural Education and not have taught before, or graduate students who have never taught. The candidates must be majoring in Agricultural Education-certification track-at an institution of higher learning. Qualified candidates must be a current NAAE student member. Candidates who will be student teaching in the fall of 2016 are not eligible.

Skills:

Candidates should possess strong analytical and problem solving skills. The candidates should also be well versed in word processing applications and have a strong desire to succeed, follow instructions and be self motivated. Desired skills but not required; InDesign experience and social media literacy.

Experience:

No previous experience is necessary other than the education requirements as listed above. The entire purpose of this internship is to gain experience in the field of agricultural education.

Location:

The position will be located in Lexington, KY with the National Association of Agricultural Educators during the summer. The exact working environment during the academic year may be negotiated between the NTAC and the Intern.

Compensation:

The compensation for the Teach Ag Campaign internship position will be approximately \$3,000 total for the 8 week summer internship, minus applicable taxes and Social Security benefits paid in increments over the 8 weeks. The intern will be paid an hourly rate of \$10.00/hour for all hours submitted outside the 8 week summer internship as agreed upon by the NTAC and the Intern. Hours will be submitted on a bi-monthly basis via a time sheet to the NAAE Executive Director. Other expenses, including housing,

meals, and incidental living expenses while in Lexington, KY will be the responsibility of the intern. The NTAC will assist, at the intern's request, in making housing arrangements.

Application Procedures:

To apply, please prepare a packet to include the Internship Application (available <http://communities.naae.org/message/13525>), Cover Letter, Resume or vita, a minimum of 3 references (one of which must come from an Ag Ed Professor at the University enrolled in-these are listed references NOT letters of recommendation), and a portfolio of materials showing the applicants knowledge and skills in the areas listed under position description. Send the completed application via **ONE** pdf attachment to Ellen Thompson, ethompson.naae@uky.edu by 11:59 pm EST on Sunday, January 10th. Applications sent via facsimile or mail **WILL NOT** be accepted. Interviews of selected applicants will take place in January. The selected applicant will be notified no later than February 22nd.

Questions/Comments

Questions may be directed to Ellen Thompson, at 605.350.3842 or by sending an email to ethompson.naae@uky.edu.



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