



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE
Karen Ross, Secretary



California Department of Food and Agriculture Internship Program *In cooperation with the Western United States Agricultural Trade Association (WUSATA)*

Agriculture is a major industry for the Golden State. With 69,000 farms and ranches, California agriculture is a \$51.1 billion 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."

CDFA is the lead agency for international policies and programs related to California agriculture. CDFA coordinates with other state agencies; California's agricultural marketing programs (agricultural marketing orders and commissions); Visit California; the California Centers for International Trade Development (California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office); and other stakeholders to provide programs and services to California businesses.

CDFA is a founding member of the Western United States Agricultural Trade Association (WUSATA) a non-profit state regional trade group that promotes U.S. food and agricultural exports. The association receives federal funding and works in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Services to support state sponsored trade activities and administer market development programs for private companies.

If you wish to apply for an internship focusing on international marketing, please fill out an application and email it to Mr. Antonio Romo (Antonio.Romo@cdfa.ca.gov).

Applications are accepted year-round, but a current application deadline for the Winter session (Beginning Feb/March 2023) is **January 31st**. Interviews will take place in February and the internship will start in Feb/March and conclude prior to January 2024. Interns will be paid \$18.00 per hour, up to 24 hours per week – total compensation cannot exceed \$12,000 in the calendar year.

Thank you for your interest. Should you have questions, please call (916) 654-0433



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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/pdf/std678.pdf>
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 all other materials contained in this application, is accurate to the best of my ability.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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2023 International Trade Internship Overview

This internship is in cooperation with the Western United States Agriculture Trade Association (WUSATA). This association is a non-profit trade organization that promotes the export of food and agricultural products from the Western region of the United States. WUSATA, in conjunction with its 13 member states, provides a wide range of services to help increase exports of Western U.S. high-value and value-added food and agricultural products.

Responsibilities will include:

Coordination of international marketing activities; financial reporting/compliance assistance; database management; newsletter information; company recruitment; export consultations; trade seminars and events.

The selected individual will work under the supervision of the State Marketing Official, in the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

Internship location: California Department of Food and Agriculture
1220 'N' Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: (916) 654-0462

Qualifications:

A successful candidate will be highly motivated, have strong communication skills, be interested in international trade and be able to work independently. Knowledge of agricultural production/manufacturing or the agricultural industry in general is desired but not required.

Individuals must be an enrolled student and a U.S. citizen or have a visa that permits the individual to work within the United States.