

# Mission Areas Presentations

By USDA Agencies Student Program Point of Contacts



Informational Sessions on USDA Career Opportunities

# Food Safety (FS)

**Food Safety and Inspection Service**

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# FSIS Mission

## Our mission:

- Ensure the nation's commercial supply of meat, poultry and egg products is safe, wholesome, correctly labeled and packaged
- Career opportunities:
  - ✓ Public Health Inspection
  - ✓ Scientific and Technical
  - ✓ Administrative and Professional



# Application Process and Point of Contact

- For FSIS internships and recent graduates opportunities:
  - ✓ Non-veterinary Students: announcements will be posted via [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) or [www.studentapplication.usda.gov](http://www.studentapplication.usda.gov).
  - ✓ Veterinary students: apply for the Veterinary Student Internship Program announcement via [www.USAJobs.gov](http://www.USAJobs.gov) available November-December
  - ✓ Recent Graduates: announcements will be posted via [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)
- For FSIS externships (student volunteers):
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# Natural Resources and Environment (NRE)

Forest Service, and Natural Resources and Conservation Service

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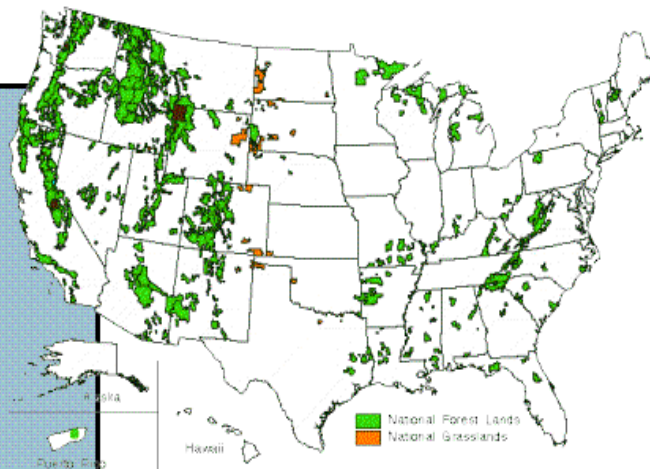
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# FS Mission

## National Forest System Lands (NFS)

- 191.6 Million Acres/  
> 9% of CONUS
- 155 National Forests/  
20 Grasslands
- 383,000 Miles of Road
- ~ 1.0 Billion Visits/Year
- Multiple Use Concept
- 50% of Western Water Supply
- ~ 35,000 Employees Nationwide  
( $< 590$  law enforcement personnel)



- 5 Research Stations Forest Products Laboratory
- 1 International Institute of Tropical Forestry
- 77 Research Units
- 67 Locations
- 81 Experimental Forests
- 370 Research Natural Areas
- 550 Research Scientists

**“Science Serving Society”**

# Educational Qualifications

- Forest Service hires for professional, technical, clerical and administrative positions.
- Forest Service hires up to 3, 000 students and recent graduates depending on work needs and budget.
- Hiring for Student Temporary positions take place as early as March and may last through September.
- Forest Service hires students through the Pathways Internship Program year round.
- Recruitment for these positions start as early as November of each year.



# Application Process

## Application Process:

- A cover letter to include information about the student and why they want to work for the forest Service,
- A current resume, to include references,
- Up-to-date college transcripts OR High School report Card. Unofficial transcripts/report cards or copies will be accepted if legible but must include current GPA and degree program,
- Letter of Acceptance or Letter of Enrollment from educational institutions
- DD-214 (Member Copy 4) or other relevant documentation, if claiming Veteran's Preference,
- Apply to open vacancy announcements, and
- Submit online application.

✓ **NOTE:** DO NOT put Social Security Numbers on any documents



# Point of Contact

- Apply at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs/>
- Send a one page resume to: <http://www.studentapplication.usda.gov/>
- Contacts:
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# Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Mission



“Helping People Help the Land”

# How Can You Be Involved?



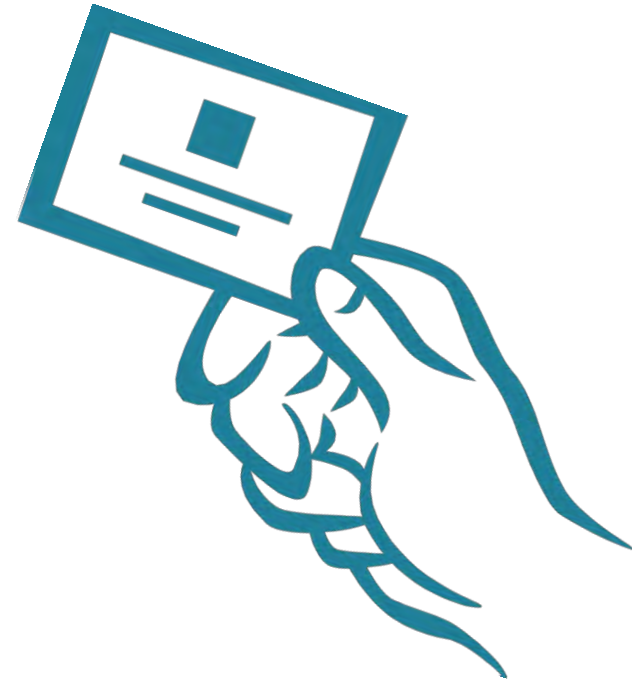
## NRCS Careers:

- Soil Conservationist
- Rangeland Specialist
- Soil Scientist
- Civil/Agricultural Engineer
- Biologist



# Point of Contact

- For information on NRCS Pathways
  - Email
    - [NRCS.recruitment@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:NRCS.recruitment@wdc.usda.gov)
  - NRCS Student Information Site
    - <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/careers/student>
  - Pathways Vacancies
    - [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)
- Stipends to assist with transportation or housing **may** be available
- Tanya Robles, Student Program Coordinator, NRCS
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# Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services (FFAS)

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# Farm Service Agency (FSA)

- FSA ensures the well-being of American agriculture, the environment, and the American public through the administration of farm commodity program; farm ownership.
  - ✓ operating and emergency loans
  - ✓ conservation and environment program
  - ✓ emergency and disaster assistance
  - ✓ domestic and international food assistance
- FSA programs are delivered through an extensive network of offices located throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.



# Foreign Agricultural Services (FAS)



- FAS works to improve foreign market access for U.S. products. FAS operates market development and assistance programs designed to build new markets and improve the competitive position of U.S. agriculture in the global marketplace.
- FAS programs help U.S. exporters develop and maintain markets overseas for hundreds of food and agricultural products, from bulk commodities to brand-name items.

# Risk Management Agency (RMA)

- RMA administers the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) programs and promotes national welfare by improving the economic stability of agriculture through a secure system of crop insurance and risk management tools.
- RMA meets the crop insurance and risk management needs of the Nation's small and limited-resource farmers and ranchers through a network of public and private-sector partners.
- Together, RMA and these partners create new crop insurance and risk management products, provide risk management education and outreach, and ensure program accessibility and integrity.



# FFAS Programs

- FFAS actively participates in a variety of student programs offered during the summer and year-round.
- We offer challenging careers, career development opportunities, excellent benefits, and competitive salaries.
- FFAS participates in the following Programs for students and Recent Graduated:
  - ✓ The Pathways Program
    - ✓ Internship Program
    - ✓ Recent Graduate Program
    - ✓ Presidential Management Fellowship Program (PMF)
  - ✓ Washington Internship for Native Students (WINS)
  - ✓ Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)
  - ✓ Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP)
  - ✓ International Agricultural Internship Program (FAS ONLY)
  - ✓ Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)
  - ✓ Student Volunteer Program



# FFAS Career

Accounting

Budget

Contracting/ Procurement

Human Resources

Public Affairs

Computer Sciences

Agricultural Business

Crop Insurance

Economics

Agricultural Management

Agricultural Marketing

International Trade

Economics

Loan Management /Finance

Criminal Justice

Equal Opportunity

Soil Science /Conservation





# FFAS Application Process

**All Pathways Program opportunities will be posted on USAjobs.com**

Tips for successful applicants

1. Follow all of the instructions
2. Submit/upload all documents that are requested

**For the remaining programs, please go to [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov) to find out how to apply**



# Point of Contact



Farm and Foreign  
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# Food and Nutrition Service

## Our Agency

- Divided in 2 sub-agencies:
  - **Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)**
  - **Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP)**

## Our mission

- To provide children and needy families better access to food and a more healthful diet through its food assistance programs and comprehensive nutrition education efforts.
- FNS works in partnership with the States in all its programs. Headquarter is located in Alexandria VA with offices in 7 Regions to include:
  - ✓ **Robbinsville, NJ**
  - ✓ **Chicago, IL**
  - ✓ **Denver, CO**
  - ✓ **San Francisco, CA**
  - ✓ **Boston, MA**
  - ✓ **Atlanta, GA**
  - ✓ **Dallas, TX**



# Food and Nutrition Service

- **FNS Programs:**
  - ✓ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
  - ✓ Women's, Infants, and Children (WIC)
  - ✓ School Breakfast Program
  - ✓ School Lunch Program
  - ✓ Summer Food Service Program
  - ✓ Child and Adult Care Food Program





# FNS Student Internship Opportunities

- **Career opportunities:**

- ✓ Nutritionist
- ✓ Dietitian
- ✓ Management Analyst
- ✓ Office Assistant
- ✓ Human Resources
- ✓ Budget/Financial Specialist
- ✓ Accountant
- ✓ Policy Specialist

- When available, internships will be advertised on **USAJobs.gov**

- Currently accepting applications for the Volunteer Internship Program (non-paid ).  
**Academic credit available.**

# Point of Contact



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# MRP Mission

- MRP facilitates domestic and international marketing of U.S. agricultural products and ensures the health and care of animals and plants.
- Agencies:
  - ✓ Agricultural Marketing Services (AMS)
  - ✓ Animal Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS)
  - ✓ Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)



# MRP Student Internship Opportunities

Agency	Positions	Locations
AMS	Agricultural Marketing Trainee	Throughout the US
	Market Reporting Trainee	
	Administrative Assistant/Clerk	
	Agricultural Commodity Grader	
	Economist Trainee	
APHIS	Veterinary Student Trainee	
	Biological Science Lab Technician	
	Biological Science Student Trainee	
	Animal Health Technician	
	Administrative Assistant/Clerk	
GIPSA	Agricultural Marketing Trainee	
	Agricultural Commodity Grader	
	Administrative Assistant/Clerk	





# Application Process & Point of Contact

- Applying to MRP internships:
  - ✓ For summer student positions and for other internship or scholarship opportunities, please visit [www.USAJobs.gov](http://www.USAJobs.gov)
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# RD Mission

- Rural Development committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in rural America. Through our programs, we touch rural America in many ways.
- Agencies:
  - ✓ Rural Housing Service (RUS)
  - ✓ Rural Business Service (RBS)
  - ✓ Rural Utilities Service (RUS)



# RD Career Opportunities

Agency	Positions	Locations
RHS	Information Technology Trainee	Throughout the US
	Administrative Assistant/Clerk	
	Office Automation Clerk	
RBS	Program Technician Trainee	
	Office Automation Clerk	
	Business Trainee	
RUS	Accounting Trainee	
	Business Trainee	
	Office Automation Clerk	



# Application Process & RD Point of Contact

- Applying to RD internships:
  - ✓ For summer student positions and for other internship or scholarship opportunities, please visit [www.USAJobs.gov](http://www.USAJobs.gov)
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# Research, Education and Economics (REE)

Agricultural Research Service, Economic Research Service, National Institute of Food and  
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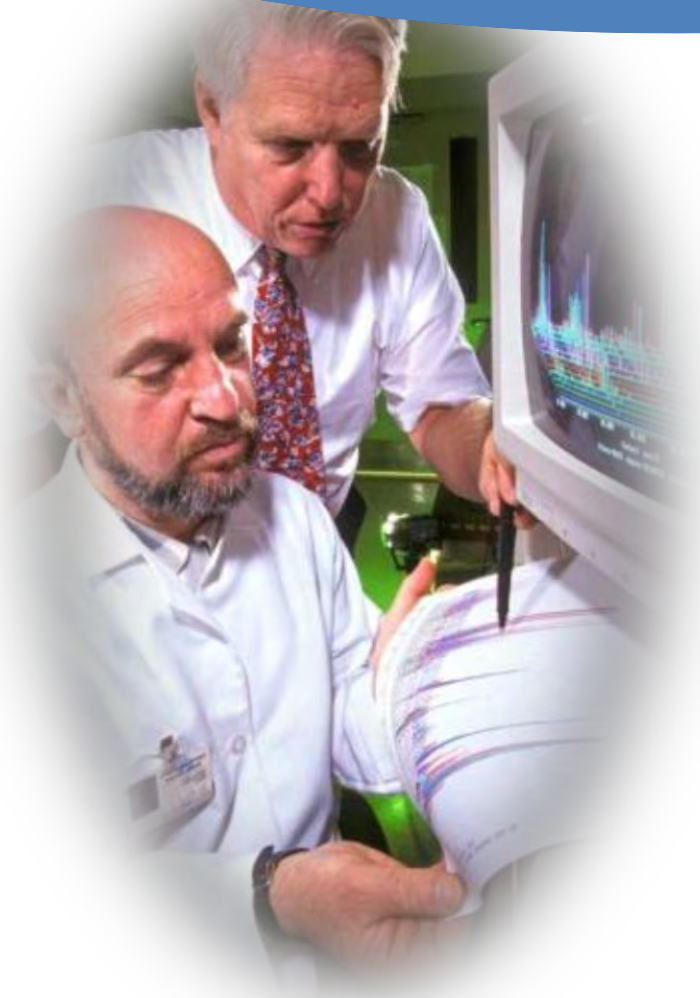


# REE Mission

## Mission Areas:

The Research, Education and Economics (REE) Mission Area is dedicated to the creation of a safe, sustainable, competitive U.S. food and fiber system and strong, healthy communities, families, and youth through integrated research, analysis and education.

- The five agencies are:
  - The [Agricultural Research Service](#) (ARS)
  - The [Economic Research Service](#) (ERS),
  - The [National Agricultural Library](#) (NAL),
  - The [National Agricultural Statistics Service](#) (NASS), and
  - The [National Institute of Food and Agriculture](#) (NIFA).



# REE Career Opportunities

Jobs	ARS	ERS	NASS	NIFA
Research Scientists	√	-	-	-
Postdoctoral Research Associates	√	*	-	*
Professional, Administrative, and Technical Staff	√	√	√	√
Secretarial and Clerical Staff	√	√	√	√
Trades and Crafts Workers	√	-	-	-
Student and Summer Employees	√	√	√	√
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pathways Internship Program and Third Party Internship Program</li> </ul>	√	-√	-√	-√
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholarships</li> </ul>	√	√	√	√
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other Fellowships</li> </ul>	-	-	-	√
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pathways Presidential Management Fellowship Program (PMF)</li> </ul>	√	√	√	√
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer Opportunities</li> </ul>	√	*	√	*



- = Not available      \* = Some times      √ = Available

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*Join Our Team!*

**Begin Typing Your Questions**

**Complete the survey:**

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/USDAInformationalSessions-CareerOpportunities>

# Q&A Session

- All questions must be submitted via the Q&A chat room, and addressed to 'all presenters' in order to be answered.
- If your question is not answered in the time allowed, please email us at [USDA.Internships@dm.usda.gov](mailto:USDA.Internships@dm.usda.gov)
- Thank you and happy summer employment Federal Job Hunting!