

Food and Agriculture Internship Program

The Food and Agriculture Division Internship Program at RTI provides outstanding students or recent graduates the opportunity to work side-by-side with senior food and agriculture experts to develop new tools and approaches to some of the most challenging issues in developing countries. Interns will gain exposure to all aspects of the business development process and are encouraged to propose ideas for independent research or business development projects.

About RTI

RTI International is one of the world's leading research institutes, dedicated to improving the human condition by turning knowledge into practice. Our staff of more than 3,700 provides research and technical expertise to governments and businesses in more than 75 countries in the areas of health and pharmaceuticals, education and training, surveys and statistics, advanced technology, international development, economic and social policy, energy and the environment, and laboratory and chemistry services.

Areas of Expertise:

- Agronomy, soil or plant science
- International agricultural development
- Agricultural economics
- International development/rural development
- Micro, small and medium sized enterprise development
- Food Security and Resilience
- Global Value Chains
- International Nutrition
- Nutritional Epidemiology
- Other relevant social science / science background

Internships Offered

- Agriculture and Agribusiness: 1-2 positions in Washington, D.C or Research Triangle Park, NC
- Food and Nutrition Security: 1-2 positions available in Washington, DC, Research Triangle Park, NC, or Waltham, MA.

Interns also benefit from access to RTI-sponsored professional development trainings, internship activities, leadership opportunities, and RTI Intern Alumni Network.

Assignment Overview

Time will be split between business development, coordination and research focused activities. Business development activities will concentrate on market/business research, business capture, proposal development, strategic positioning activities, and competitor tracking and analysis. Coordination activities will be specific to the assigned technical track and will include cataloguing internal capabilities and tools, and facilitating meetings and small events amongst internal and external collaborators to further tool or methodology development. Research will support rigorous technical research, writing, and tools development for strategic areas and may include:

- Region or Country specific research: Africa, Asia and/or Latin America
- Literature reviews: in areas such as agricultural technology, consumption and nutrition
- Private sector partnerships and inclusive business relationships for agriculture

- Youth and agribusiness development
- Private-Public research linkages for agriculture
- Catalogue and review relevant technical curricula

Learning Objectives

This internship is designed for current or recent graduate students interested in international agricultural and food security development. The internship will provide opportunities to engage with professionals in the industry, providing exposure to the broad range of technical and administrative activities associated with international development.

Outputs: Conducting one literature review and/or developing 1-2 marketing documents; facilitating cross-institute learning sessions; and support at least one new business assignment.

Travel may be required.

Eligibility

The F&A Internship Program is open to graduate-level students or recent graduates pursuing degrees in the fields of:

Political Science
Agronomy
International development
Anthropology
Nutrition
Other relevant fields.

Political economy
Economics
Food Science
Behavioral Science

This is a paid position. International students are encouraged to apply.

Qualifications

Significant research and reporting experience, excellent writing and organizational skills

Experience in quantitative and qualitative research methodologies

Ability to work independently and willingness to work in a team environment

Flexibility and desire to work on varying projects.

Experience studying, working, or traveling in developing countries is preferred.

Interest in international development and ability to engage in new business development

Fluency in English is required, and comprehension of an additional language, such as Spanish, French, and/or Arabic, is highly desired.

To Apply

Please send the following via e-mail to Internship@rti.org with the subject line: F&A 2015 INTERNSHIP APPLICATION.

- Cover letter stating: interest, learning objectives, desired track and location, and schedule availability
- Resume
- Brief writing sample (5 page maximum)

Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. No phone or e-mail inquiries please.