

International Fresh Produce Association  
Career Pathways Internship Program

**Government Policy Internship Description**

**Government and Public Policy Interns** will be responsible for supporting the Government Relations team, working in collaboration with Food Safety, Sustainability, and Research and Analytics interns. Interns will gain firsthand experience of federal regulatory and legislative practices affecting the industry and consumers.

**PROJECT EXAMPLES:**

- Monitor and analyze pending legislation and policy initiatives using multiple sources (e.g., tracking software, congressional newsletters, press, etc.)
- Create or update industry state profiles
- Draft issue briefs on policy priority issues of concern to the industry (e.g., farm bill, trade, transportation and infrastructure, food safety, nutrition, etc.)
- Gather, compile, develop, and summarize data specific to congressional districts
- Work with IFPA volunteer leader groups to capture the discussion of workgroup topics (e.g., on fresh produce workforce, organics, international trade, farm bill, etc.)
- Support preparation of presentations for government relations meetings and trainings
- Support development of communications for newsletters, trade press and members of Congress and other officials

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

- Work collaboratively, applying knowledge and skills, to complete assigned projects
- Build technical, leadership and communication skills
- Develop emotional intelligence, problem solving and accountability competencies
- Get firsthand experience of IFPA, the industry and its career opportunities
- Benefit from structured peer-to-peer networking sessions, which, combined with the direct engagement with industry members and a personal 'career ambassador,' contribute to a robust learning environment

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Must be a Junior or Senior undergraduate student in a political science, STEM-based, nutrition or agriculture degree program at an accredited college or university in good standing.

- Pursuing a degree in food science, agriculture, environmental science or policy, political science, public administration, or a related field.
- Must have a current GPA of 3.0 or above.
- Able to function in a collaborative work environment and independently.
- Possess excellent communication skills both orally and written to internal and external audiences.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office applications
- Must be authorized to work in the US

**HOURS and DURATION:**

- Part Time Internship - approximately 20 hours/week
- Internships will take place during the summer semester, tentatively beginning in May and culminating in July.
- Internships will be remote; with the exception of the Orientation/Welcome and concluding Project Presentation being in-person at the IFPA office(s).  
Dependent upon federal government activities, there may be some opportunity for optional travel to DC. Travel costs and outlined expenses for the time at the in-person meetings will be reimbursed.

**COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS:**

- Interns will receive a total Stipend is \$4,400 for this 10-week internship
- There are no leave benefits.
- There is no health, dental, retirement or life insurance benefits.
- Internships will be remote/virtual with the exception of travel for the in-person Orientation/Welcome and concluding Project Presentation at the IFPA office(s).
- Travel costs for in-person meetings, accommodations, and other outlined expenses will be reimbursed by IFPA.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Interested applicants who possess minimum qualifications for this position should submit a Cover Letter including a statement of interest for this internship, a Resume, and a Faculty Letter of Recommendation via email to

[bhochman@freshproduce.com](mailto:bhochman@freshproduce.com). For questions about this opportunity, email [bhochman@freshproduce.com](mailto:bhochman@freshproduce.com).