



Policy Internship: Winter 2018

Applications due: November 30, 2016

Background: The California Climate and Agriculture Network (CalCAN) is a statewide coalition that advances policy change to realize the powerful climate change solutions offered by sustainable and organic agriculture.

Agriculture is uniquely vulnerable to the predicted changes in climate in the coming years and decades. Agriculture is also well positioned to assist with climate change mitigation through farmland protection, on-farm renewable energy production and other on-farm conservation practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and sequester atmospheric carbon. Many of the practices embraced by sustainable and organic farming practitioners offer the best strategies for reducing agriculture's carbon footprint and assisting with climate change mitigation and adaptation.

We advocate for state and federal policies that increase resources for California farmers and ranchers to assist them with implementation of innovative on-farm conservation practices that mitigate and adapt to climate change while providing other environmental and health co-benefits.

CalCAN Policy Internship – The policy intern will have the opportunity to assist in policy coordination, working with CalCAN's Policy Director and Policy Associate. Activities will include development of policy program materials; creation and implementation of research and writing projects; assisting with legislative tracking; and possible event coordination. The intern will also have the opportunity to write blogs for our website and newsletter.

Expectations – CalCAN will expect an average 15-hour per week time commitment from the policy intern. The intern will be supervised by CalCAN's Policy Director who has offices in Sacramento and Alameda. The intern will be expected to participate in weekly in-person meetings in Sacramento or the East Bay with opportunities for joining additional meetings/events in Sacramento. The intern is expected to provide their own computer access, work space and housing. Any internship related travel to events or meetings other than the weekly meetings will be compensated.

Duration/Schedule – The internship is four months, beginning in January and ending in April. Start and end dates are negotiable, and the weekly schedule of internship hours worked is flexible.

Potential Candidates – We will consider any candidate with a demonstrated interest in sustainable agriculture and/or climate change policy and strong written and verbal communication skills.

Finances – CalCAN will pay \$840/month in stipend.

Application Process – Interested applicants should submit the following:

1. A letter expressing reasons for interest in this position and describing relevant background
2. A writing sample
3. Names/contact information for three references.

The application deadline is Thursday, November 30, 2016. Please email applications to Jeanne Merrill, CalCAN Policy Director, jmerrill@calclimateag.org. For more information, please send an email. Please, no phone calls.