

Internship Announcement: Student Leader Project Intern

Job Title: Student Leader Project Intern
Hours: Flexible, up to 25 Hours/Week
Start Date: April/May 2025
Duration: August 2025
Pay: \$13/hour
Location: Virtual or In-Person



"Throughout my time, I have grown both personally and professionally. Specifically, in being aware of my strengths and what environment I work best in."

Position Description:

Are you looking for a great resume-building project to show future employers? Want to be part of advancing an international organization with eighty years of environmental impact? Would you like to use your creativity and test your project management skills while collaborating with a dynamic nonprofit team?

The Soil and Water Conservation Society, in partnership with Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees, is looking for a summer Student Leader Project Intern. Intern tasks may include, but are not limited to, assisting with operations and logistics of the 80th SWCS International Annual Conference, planning a student and early career professional networking session during conference, assisting with the creation of a social media calendar and designing posts, assisting with a retiree project, other resource creation and design, and more.

The intern will gain professional work experience, interact with national leaders in agriculture and natural resource conservation, and learn about the operations of an international nonprofit. The intern will work virtually, or, if local, at the SWCS Ankeny, Iowa, office, but will be required to travel to Costa Mesa, California, expenses paid, at the conclusion of the internship to participate in the 80th SWCS International Annual Conference and experience a professional conference as both an organizer and participant.

Qualifications:

The intern must be very organized, detail-oriented, have strong communication skills (written and verbal), proficient with Microsoft Office, and be able to work independently as well as part of a team.

Candidates must be enrolled in (or recently graduated from) an undergraduate or graduate degree program in communications, marketing, business administration, event management, graphic design, agricultural business, environmental studies, management, nonprofit management, entrepreneurial studies, or other related field. Additional desired qualifications include a demonstrated interest in natural resource conservation, agriculture, environmental studies, or land stewardship, and nonprofit interest or experience.

About the Soil and Water Conservation Society:

For eighty years, the Soil and Water Conservation Society has been the premier international organization for professionals who practice and advance the science and art of natural resource conservation. We believe sustainable land and water management is essential to the continued security of the earth and its people. Our goal is to cultivate an organization of informed, dynamic individuals whose contributions create a bright future for agriculture, the environment, and society. The Soil and Water Conservation Society is headquartered in Ankeny, Iowa, with chapters across the United States and Canada. For more information, go to www.swcs.org.

Thank you to our student leader project intern sponsor, Association of Retired Conservation Service Employees, for making this possible. Visit www.arcse.org to learn more information about their organization.

Availability:

This is a part-time virtual or in-person internship, beginning in April/May and ending following the conclusion of the in-person 80th SWCS International Annual Conference, August 3-6, 2025, held in Costa Mesa, California. Pay is \$13/hour.

Benefits of the Position:

SWCS is dedicated to making this experience as valuable to the employee as the employee is to SWCS! Some of the benefits of this position include:

- A complimentary student membership with access to the career center services
- An opportunity to work with an international organization
- Registration, travel, and lodging for attendance at international professional conference
- Opportunity to connect with many national leaders in agriculture and conservation
- On-the-job training

To Apply:

Please submit the following materials to courtney.allen@swcs.org by **February 28, 2025**:

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Contact information for two professional or academic references
- College transcript (unofficial is acceptable)



"Attending conference and seeing the months of work we put in come together was a really special experience that I have never had before and am not sure I will ever have again."



"My experience with the SWCS team was, in short, an incredible one... It was one of the best experiences of my college years."



"I have grown personally and professionally throughout the duration of my internship. This experience is truly irreplaceable."