



# Internship Opportunities at USDA

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# About USDA

- **Mission Statement**

We provide leadership on food, agriculture, natural resources, rural development, nutrition, and related issues based on sound public policy, the best available science, and efficient management.

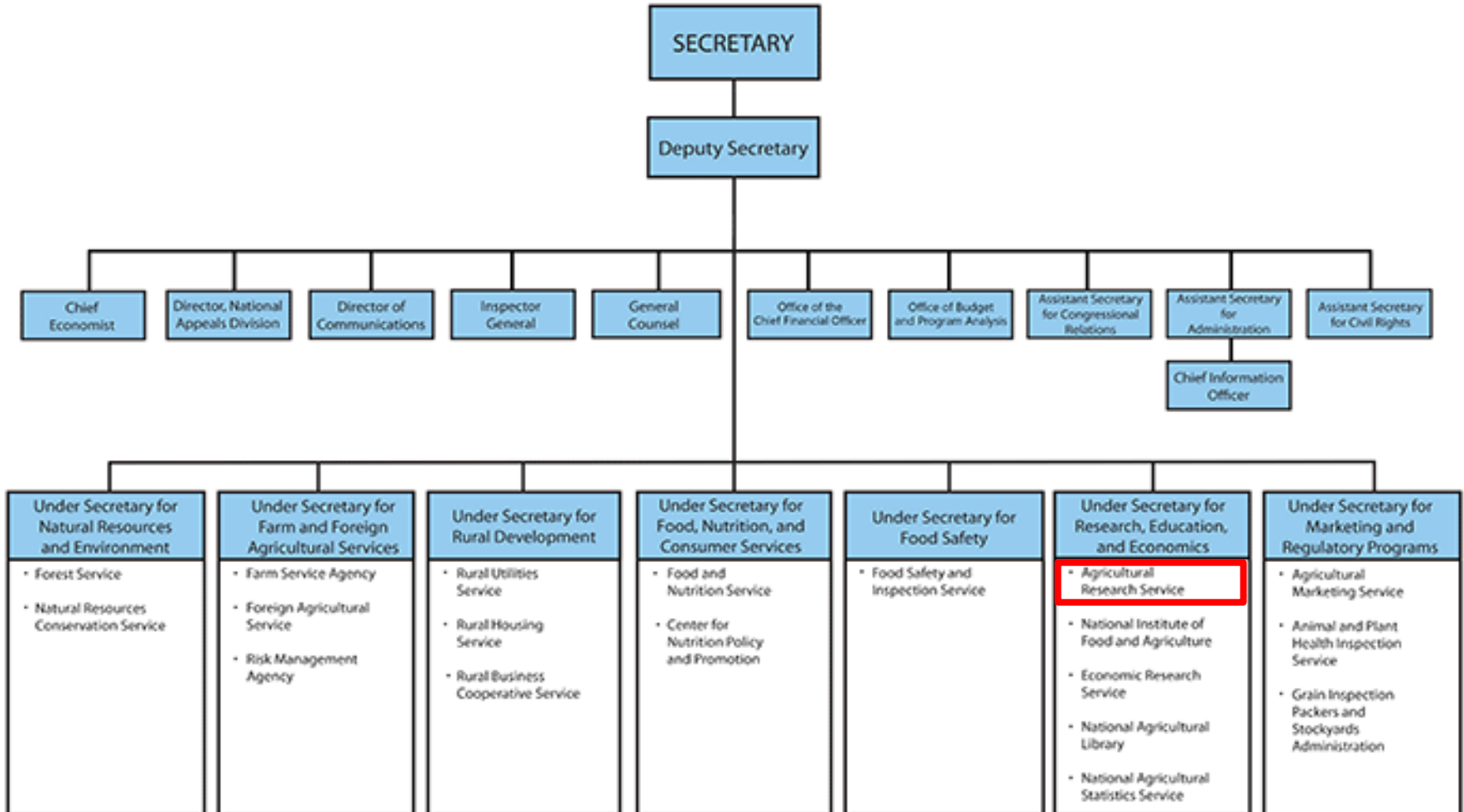
- **Vision Statement**

To expand economic opportunity through innovation, helping rural America to thrive; to promote agriculture production sustainability that better nourishes Americans while also helping feed others throughout the world; and to preserve and conserve our Nation's natural resources through restored forests, improved watersheds, and healthy private working lands.

- **Strategic Plan Framework**

USDA has created a strategic plan to implement its vision. The framework of this plan depends on these key activities: expanding markets for agricultural products and support international economic development, further developing alternative markets for agricultural products and activities, providing financing needed to help expand job opportunities and improve housing, utilities and infrastructure in rural America, enhancing food safety by taking steps to reduce the prevalence of foodborne hazards from farm to table, improving nutrition and health by providing food assistance and nutrition education and promotion, and managing and protecting America's public and private lands working cooperatively with other levels of government and the private sector.

# USDA Organization Chart



# ARS Organization

Secretary  
of Agriculture

Under Secretary, Research, Education,  
and Economics (REE)

Agricultural Research Service (ARS)  
Office of the Administrator

## Central Program Planning, Coordination, & Support

Office of  
National  
Programs

Administrative  
& Financial  
Management

Legislative  
Affairs

Office of  
International  
Research  
Programs

Office of Chief  
Information  
Officer

Office of  
Outreach  
Diversity,  
and Equal  
Opportunity

Office of  
Technology  
Transfer

Information  
Staff

Budget &  
Program  
Management  
Staff

Office of  
Scientific  
Quality Review

## Field Research Implementation & Information Delivery

Beltsville  
Area

Mid South  
Area

Midwest  
Area

National  
Agricultural  
Library

North  
Atlantic  
Area

Northern  
Plains  
Area

Pacific  
West  
Area

South  
Atlantic  
Area

Southern  
Plains  
Area

ARS Laboratories

# USDA-wide

- Google 'USDA internship'
- Find the agencies
- USDA Pathways Programs Fact Sheet for more info.

The screenshot shows the USDA Office of Human Resources Management website. The page title is "The USDA Internship Program". It provides information about the program, including general requirements and a table of internship opportunities.

**General Requirements**

- U.S. Citizen or U.S. Permanent Resident.
- At least 16 years of age.
- Enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a qualifying educational institution at least part time, and
- Be in 'good academic standing'

**Internship Program Information**

Name of Internship	Deadlines	Point of Contact (POC)
<a href="#">USDA Internship Program</a>	Year-round	<a href="#">Wendy Carrasco</a> <a href="#">USDA Internships</a>
<a href="#">Junior Agricultural Ambassador</a>	March	For Florida & Puerto Rico: <a href="#">Vladimir Diaz</a> For Central-Northern California & Washington: <a href="#">Juan Alvarez</a>
<a href="#">Veterinary Studies</a>	Fall	<a href="#">Laura A. Sepulveda</a>
<a href="#">National Agricultural Library</a>	Year-round	Main POC: <a href="#">Theresa Ridgeway</a> For NAL Repository: <a href="#">Marilyn Padgett</a>

The screenshot shows the USDA Office of Human Resources Management website. The page title is "USDA Mission Areas, Agencies, and Staff Offices". It lists the mission areas and agencies of the USDA.

**USDA Mission Areas, Agencies, and Staff Offices**

**USDA Mission Areas and Agencies**

1. Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services
  - Farm Service Agency (FSA)
  - Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)
  - Risk Management Agency (RMA)
2. Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services
  - Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP)
  - Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)
3. Food Safety
  - Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)
4. Marketing and Regulatory Programs
  - Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)
  - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)
  - Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)
5. Natural Resources and Environment
  - 1. Forest Service (FS)
  - 2. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
6. Research, Education and Economics
  - Research, Education, and Economics (REE)
  - **Agricultural Research Service (ARS)**
  - National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)
  - Economic Research Service (ERS)
  - National Agricultural Library (NAL)
  - National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)
7. Rural Development
  - Rural Development

# USDA Pathways Programs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture offers different pathway opportunities for students and recent graduates to work in the agricultural, science, technology, math, environmental, management, business and many other fields. USDA offers internships to students and recent graduates to help them to excel in their chosen fields.

- **USDA Internship Program**

The USDA Internship Program provides paid work experiences for students who are in high school or pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in an accredited college or university (including Home-Schooling, Certificate Programs and Community Colleges). **Interns may work during the summer, fall, spring or year round.** Please apply at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) - **Students and Recent Graduates**

- **USDA Recent Graduates Program**

The USDA Recent Graduates Program provides individuals who have recently graduated from qualifying educational institutions or programs with developmental experiences in the Federal Government intended to promote possible careers in the civil service. Participants must have obtained a degree, or completed a qualifying career or technical education program within the preceding 2 years. Veterans are eligible to participate to the program within 6 years of obtaining a degree or graduating qualifying program.

- **USDA Presidential Management Fellows Program**

The USDA Presidential Management Fellows Program is a prestigious, competitive program that is managed by the Office of Personnel Management. The PMF Program supports leadership development for recent graduates who have been pre-qualified or recommended by a network of graduate schools. Graduates are provided with a 2 year appointment at USDA that may lead to conversion to a permanent appointment.

Questions regarding any of the three USDA Pathways Programs can be directed to: [Askusdapathways@dm.usda.gov](mailto:Askusdapathways@dm.usda.gov)

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USDA scientists have shown that signals routinely collected by the National Weather Service's Doppler radar network could help track corn earworms and other pests.

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- Four Scientists Named to ARS Science Hall of Fame

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- [Science For Kids](#)
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# ARS Areas

## Key ARS Offices and Locations

### Office of the Administrator

- Administrative and Financial Management
- Budget and Program Management Staff
- Information Staff (Public Affairs)
- Legislative Affairs
- Office of Chief Information Officer (IT)
- Office of Outreach, Diversity, and Equal Opportunity
- Office of Scientific Quality Review
- Office of Technology Transfer

### National Program Research Areas

- Animal Production and Protection
  - Crop Production and Protection
  - Natural Resources and Sustainable Agricultural Systems
  - Nutrition, Food Safety, and Quality
  - Overseas Biological Control Laboratories
  - Office of International Research Programs
- National Agricultural Library

### Research Locations (Map)

#### Beltsville Area

(DC, MD)

#### Mid South Area

(AL, KY, LA, MS)

#### Midwest Area

(IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, MO, OH, WI)

#### North Atlantic Area

(DE, MA, MD, ME, NY, PA, WV)

#### Northern Plains Area

(CO, KS, MT, ND, NE, SD, UT, WY)

#### Pacific West Area

(AZ, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, WA)

#### South Atlantic Area

(FL, GA, NC, PR, SC)

#### Southern Plains Area

(AR, NM, OK, TX)



# Beltsville Area Labs

- **National Arboretum**

Floral and Nursery Plants Research Unit

Education Unit

Gardens Unit

- **Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center**

Food Composition and Methods Development Laboratory

Food Components and Health Laboratory

Diet, Genomics and Immunology Laboratory

Nutrient Data Laboratory

Food Surveys Research Group

- **Beltsville Agricultural Research Center**

**Animal Parasitic Diseases Laboratory**

**Animal Genomics and Improvement Laboratory**

**Animal Biosciences & Biotechnology Laboratory**

**Bee Research Laboratory**

**Invasive Insect Biocontrol & Behavior Laboratory**

**Nematology Laboratory**

**Systematic Mycology & Microbiology Laboratory**

**Systematic Entomology Laboratory**

**Food Quality Laboratory**

**Environmental Microbial & Food Safety Laboratory**

**Sustainable Agricultural Systems Laboratory**

**Hydrology and Remote Sensing Laboratory**

**Environmental Management & by-Product Utilization Laboratory**

**Crop Systems and Global Change Laboratory**

**National Germplasm Resources Laboratory**

**Genetic Improvement for Fruits & Vegetables Laboratory**

**Molecular Plant Pathology Laboratory**

**Soybean Genomics & Improvement Laboratory**

**Sustainable Perennial Crops Laboratory**

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### Related Topics

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## USDA Pathways Programs

The USDA-Agricultural Research Service (ARS) hires students in various roles throughout the organization during the school year and each summer.

For general information on the USDA Internship, the USDA Recent Graduates, and/or the PMF Programs contact:

REE Student Internship Opportunities Coordinator  
Cathy Walker, [cathy.walker@ars.usda.gov](mailto:cathy.walker@ars.usda.gov)

For information regarding outreach and recruitment initiatives in specific areas, please contact the corresponding individual listed below for that location:

### Beltsville Area

*Beltsville, Maryland and Washington, D.C. Research Locations*

Jenny Allen  
(301)504-6507  
[Jenny.Allen@ars.usda.gov](mailto:Jenny.Allen@ars.usda.gov)

### Mid South Area

*Alabama, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee*

Jimmy McAlpine  
(662)686-3634  
[Jimmy.McAlpine@ars.usda.gov](mailto:Jimmy.McAlpine@ars.usda.gov)

### Midwest Area

*Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Wisconsin*

Theresa Ridgeway  
(202)720-6161  
[theresa.ridgeway@ars.usda.gov](mailto:theresa.ridgeway@ars.usda.gov)

### National Agricultural Library

Jenny Allen  
(301)504-6507  
[Jenny.Allen@ars.usda.gov](mailto:Jenny.Allen@ars.usda.gov)

### North Atlantic Area

*Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia*

Benne Marmer  
(215)233-6625  
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### Northern Plains Area

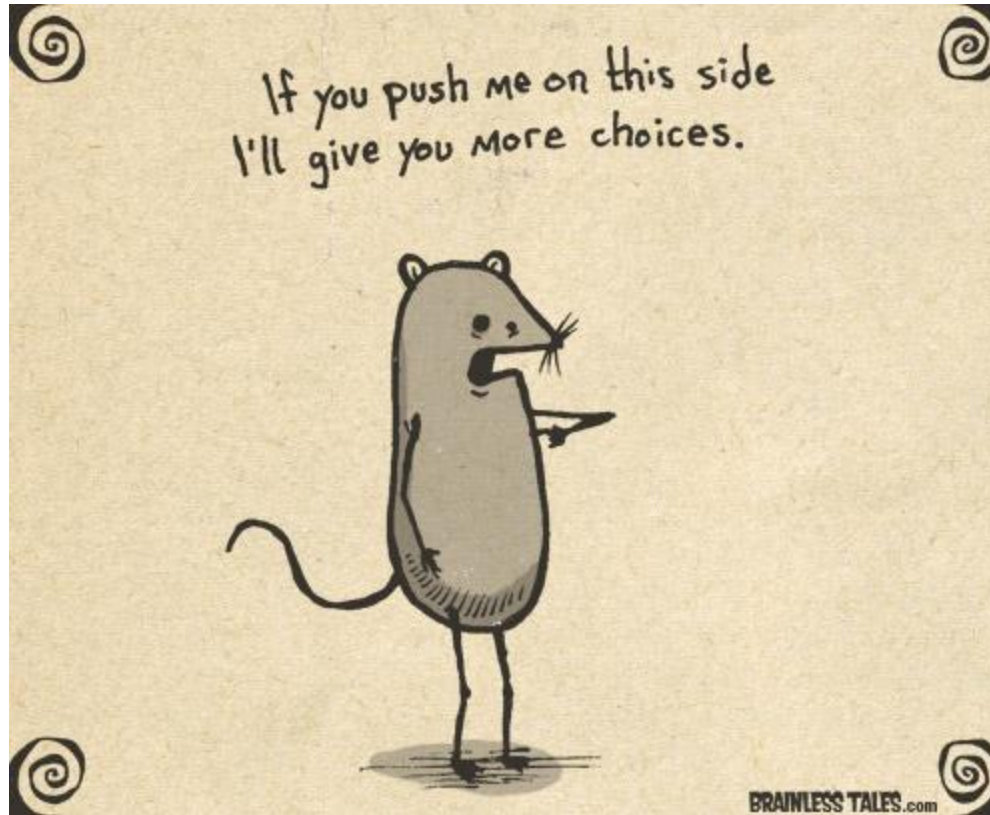
*Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming*

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# Three Easy Steps to Apply

Prepare documents (CV, transcripts etc.)

- 1) Determine location
- 2) Submit Application
- 3) Wait~



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