



Government Affairs Intern

Internship Description

[The Russell Group](#), a food and agriculture-focused lobbying firm, is looking for a highly motivated student and member of MANRRS-Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences to serve as a Government Affairs Intern the summer of 2026. This internship is designed for students interested in government policy and lobbying work, specifically impacting the agricultural industry in areas including sustainability, food safety, child nutrition, biofuels, animal health, trade, conservation, rural development and rural broadband access, biotechnology, and production agriculture.

Who We Are

The Russell Group is a small, widely respected government affairs firm focused on food, nutrition, and farm policy. Since our firm's inception in 1985, providing our clients with the highest degree of service has been our mantra. Our eleven team members work collaboratively and take a team approach to serving every client.

Why Join Us?

We are looking for a detail-oriented, enthusiastic candidate who is excellent at multitasking and ready to be a part of a fast-paced office. We will provide you with opportunities to be involved in our advocacy on Capitol Hill and in the Administration, as well as interaction with a wide number of our clients.

What Will You Do?

- Participate in regular meetings with clients and assist in preparation and follow up assignments
- Track, research, review and analyze Congressional and Executive actions, including legislation and regulations
- Attend Congressional hearings, briefings and meetings and provide written and verbal reports
- Monitor media for relevant articles and press releases
- Provide occasional support with administrative tasks

What Will You Learn?

- Gain an understanding of the federal legislative and regulatory process
- Hone research and writing skills
- Strengthen communication and networking skills

What We're Looking For

- Member of MANRRS
- Rising Junior, Senior, or recent graduate from an accredited university
- Interest in food and agriculture policy
- Basic understanding of the U.S. government
- Strong writing, research, and critical thinking skills
- Flexibility, strong work ethic and eagerness to learn
- Ability to manage multiple projects and priorities
- Competitive GPA

Additional Information

The internship will run mid-May until early August. This is a paid, in-person position. The Russell Group will award a monthly stipend and cover the cost of dormitory-style housing at an area university. The intern will be responsible for finding his/her own personal transportation. Our office is in Arlington, VA near the Crystal City Metro. Our team works remotely on Fridays.

To Apply

Email The Russell Group at intern@russellgroupdc.com with the subject line "Government Affairs Intern" and include a resume and cover letter. Applications must be submitted by 5:00 ET on February 6, 2026.