

Volunteer/Unpaid, DENVER, CO – EPA Region 8, Agricultural Education Intern (CLOSING DATE: 04/05/2021)

Background:

Earth Day is every day at EPA! At EPA, you can protect human health and the environment of all Americans, and you'll discover that EPA is one great place to work! Our diverse workforce connects to more than just a career--we share a common passion to promote a cleaner, healthier environment. Discover how exciting safeguarding our natural resources and protecting human health can be.

In February 2019, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the National FFA Organization (formally the Future Farmers of the America Organization). The FFA is a national youth organization of more than 670,000 student members as part of local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Washington, D.C. This MOA outlines two goals for Regional EPA Offices: (1) Educate FFA on relevant policy and environmental issues across EPA's ten (10) region and (2) Enhance collaboration among Regional Agriculture Advisors, Regional Environmental Education Coordinators and local FFA chapters and state FFA associations. For more information about the MOA see: <https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-02/documents/image2019-02-13-171741-508.pdf>

Further, EPA Region 8 would like to expand its education and outreach efforts to the public about agriculture and the environment. Currently, EPA Region 8 is also focused on finding effective ways to reach out to rural communities and this position would assist with this effort. In addition, EPA Region 8 regularly receives requests to provide information to the public about agriculture and the environment. As a result, outreach and educational materials are needed to inform a diverse audience about agricultural production, environmental challenges resulting from agricultural production and the agricultural community's efforts to protect the environment.

Job Description:

The Region 8 Agriculture Education and Outreach Intern would support the work of the regional administrator's office to help: develop outreach materials for the public and/or kids; assist in building the Region 8 relationship with state FFA Organization chapters; and design outreach campaigns. We are looking for an energetic student who is passionate about solving problems and promoting creative solutions to a diverse audience.

Specific duties may include, but are not limited, to the following:

- Conduct research on FFA Organization existing agricultural and environmental programs.
- Identify opportunities for Region 8 to partner with state FFA Chapters in their educational programming. Depending upon opportunities develop materials to assist with this effort.

- Help design a program for Region 8 and state FFA chapters to have regular engagement on topics of interest to both FAA Organization and EPA.
- Help design the Region 8 outreach campaign for the 2022 National Ag Week and Earth Day, including social media, and assist the Regional Ag Advisor in designing and/or identifying events.
- Create outreach materials for the public and kids to be used by Region 8 at state fair booths and other events.

Desired Skills:

- Excellent written and verbal communication
- Basic Excel, Word and Publisher
- Ability to work independently
- Strong research skills
- Excellent interpersonal and relationship-building skills
- An analytical mind; able to bring new ideas to increase effectiveness of existing outreach

Knowledge/Experience (optional, but a bonus):

- Social media/Marketing/Outreach design
- Environmental and/or Agricultural Education experience or coursework

Timeline: Intern will be on board for a minimum of 2 months, maximum of 3 months. (There may be an opportunity to extend for a maximum of 4 months, but this is not assured).

Desired hours per week: 30 hours is preferred; however, this is negotiable.

Desired start date: Negotiable, but ideally before June 1, 2021. (Note: From the time of acceptance, there will be a 2-4-week period prior to first day of work while paperwork is completed.)

How to Apply: Email your transcripts, resume, cover sheet to Melanie Wood at wood.melanieL@epa.gov by Friday, April 5, 2021.

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