

Purpose & Goals

- To develop undergraduate and graduate students studying an agricultural field to be prepared for careers in the industry
- To provide valuable service to the agricultural industry and valuable support to policy makers
- To establish a long-term, sustaining Ag Fellows program that develops premier leaders in Kansas agriculture and the industries that support it

The Kansas Food & Agricultural Policy Fellowship Program provides a premier leadership opportunity for Kansas students studying a food, agricultural, or related field to serve the state's agricultural industry and gain valuable public policy experience at the state and federal levels. Ag Fellows will develop a deeper understanding for the legislative and regulatory processes and about how laws and regulations impact the entire food chain — from farm gate to consumer.

While this experience prepares students to enter the workforce serving Kansas agriculture, it also enhances their ability to advocate for laws and regulations that allow Kansas farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses to thrive and grow.

Flinchbaugh Food & Agriculture *Policy Fellowship*

The premier leadership opportunity for young leaders in Kansas agriculture.

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Selection & Structure

- Submit a completed application packet and it's accompanying documents such as an application form, resume, cover letter, issue essay, official college transcript, and two letters of recommendation. Applications are due at 5pm Oct. 31st.
- Complete a first-round interview and attend a reception with program supporters
- Students selected to advance to the final step in the selection process may have an opportunity to attend an agricultural issues briefing
- Finalists will have the opportunity to connect with host office representatives who will make their selections based on the application packet, recommendations from the steering committee and additional interactions.

Benefits

- Networking opportunities
- Experience in policy
- Paid internships
- Mentorship

State & Federal Experience

Completing the state level experience requires fellows to complete a fellowship with one of the following entities during the spring semester:

- [Kansas State Legislature](#)
- [Kansas State Agency](#)
- [Kansas food and agricultural membership organization](#)

Successfully completing the federal level experience requires fellows to complete a 10 to 12 week fellowship experience with one of the following entities:

- [United States Congress](#)
- [Federal Agency](#)
- [Food and agricultural membership organization](#)

Upon completion of the program, Ag Fellows will be required to present significant learnings to the advisory board and to at least one student organization at K-State. They will also be required to draft a letter to the editor on a food or agriculture issue on which they worked during their fellow experience.

Eligibility

Candidates must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a U.S. citizen; permanent residents are not eligible
- Be a student pursuing a degree in food and agriculture, policy, or a related degree at Kansas State University
- Recommend applicants wait to apply until at least their academic sophomore year
- Be in good standing at K-State
- Be able to complete a minimum of two fellowship experiences, one at the state level and one at the federal level
- Be able to serve the entire length of the Kansas Legislative Session for the state level experience, which may exceed K-State academic semester dates (minimum of 15 hours per week)
- Be able to serve a minimum of 10 to 12 weeks during the Washington, D.C., experience
- Attend all preparatory events in Manhattan prior to federal experience
- Have valid health insurance during the internship semesters

Program partners that host fellows will be expected to provide a competitive stipend and challenging but tangible work expectations for fellows.