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Summer Intern Program

The primary objective of an internship with the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (ADAI) is to provide students an opportunity to utilize and apply their academic knowledge in a real-world environment. The goal is for the student to gain a better understanding of how and why the department is essential to, not only Alabama's agricultural industry, but to every citizen in the state. Department staff provide the intern an opportunity, which should be embraced, to enhance their skills and grow as a young professional. At minimum, students applying must have completed their sophomore year and be considered a junior for the upcoming fall semester.

Students should strive to learn as much as possible from staff members about the department's regulatory responsibilities and promotional activities. Throughout the internship, the student will be provided opportunities to develop leadership and interpersonal skills essential for success in the workplace.

Specific duties include assisting executive staff with office activities related to USDA federal programs, departmental programs and legislation. The student will daily assist the Communications Director with office activities to include writing and proofing press releases, articles for the *Alabama Farmers and Consumers Bulletin* and other office publications. The student will help prepare for and attend the Agriculture in the Classroom Summer Institute, May 28-31, 2019, in Florence, AL. Responsibilities at the Summer Institute will include photography and writing an article about the workshop that will appear in the *Alabama Farmers and Consumers Bulletin*. The student is expected to provide assistance with department's social media accounts and video editing where possible.

This is a paid intern position. Interested students should submit a copy of their resume by email to Amy Belcher at amy.belcher@agi.alabama.gov by **March 8, 2019**. Once an interview date and time are established, students will be asked to submit a writing sample (can be from a class assignment) exhibiting the student's writing ability as well as a copy of a PowerPoint or other class assignment that reflects visual presentation skills.