

Tennessee Department of Agriculture

Veterinary Science Internship

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture is seeking an intern for the summer of 2024 (May 20, 2024 – August 09, 2024). This internship opportunity will offer a chosen candidate experience with necropsy, veterinary microbiology, and regulatory affairs in the Division of Animal Health, including efforts to ensure livestock health and consumer safety across the state of Tennessee.

Ellington Agricultural Center – Porter Building
436 Hogan Road, Nashville TN 37220

Major Duties:

Necropsy:

- Assist with performance of livestock and companion animal necropsies.
- Assist with specimen labeling and movement for ancillary diagnostics.
- Query Tennessee Department of Agriculture records to identify ongoing and emerging concerns for producers

Veterinary Microbiology:

- Evaluate incoming specimens and associated documentation for completeness and accuracy.
- Aliquot or otherwise prepare specimens for microbiological assays.
- Assist with performance of routine diagnostic testing.

Regulatory Affairs:

- Assist with the collection of information from veterinarians, producers, and other Animal Health Division clients.
- Review and distribute records necessary for regulated activities, e.g. animal movement.
- Workload permitting, accompany field to farm calls for programmatic testing, e.g. NPIP.

Other duties may be assigned as needed.

Education:

- High School Diploma
- Currently seeking a degree in Animal Science, Pre-Veterinary Medicine, Biology, or a closely related field.
- Must be in good academic standing with a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Essential Knowledge and Required Skills:

- Highly organized.
- Familiar with principles of biosafety, biosecurity, and chemical hygiene.
- Familiar with Microsoft Office
- Comfortable making and accepting phone calls.

Comments:

- This is a paid internship.
- Some travel may be required.
- All participants in the Tennessee Department of Agriculture's internship program are required to create a presentation to executive staff detailing their experience with the internship. This presentation shall be presented at the end of the internship term.
- For more information on the Tennessee Department of Agriculture please visit: www.tn.gov/agriculture/animals

Working Conditions:

- This internship is primarily laboratory-based with the possibility of some office and travel.

How to Apply:

To apply for this internship opportunity, please send the following documents to Jamy.Freeman@tn.gov:

- Resume
- Cover Letter
- Most recent education transcript
- 2 professional letters of recommendation
- DD214 (Veteran Candidates only)

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024



Other Information:

The State of Tennessee and the Tennessee Department of Agriculture is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Pursuant to the State of Tennessee's Workplace Discrimination and Harassment policy, the State is firmly committed to the principle of fair and equal employment opportunities for its citizens and strives to protect the rights and opportunities of all people to seek, obtain, and hold employment without being subjected to illegal discrimination and harassment in the workplace. It is the State's policy to provide an environment free of discrimination and harassment of an individual because of that person's race, color, national origin, age (40 and over), sex, pregnancy, religion, creed, disability, veterans status, or any other category protected by state of and/or federal civil rights laws.