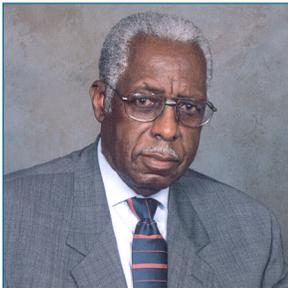




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Future
With Us

The Saul T. Wilson, Jr., Internship Program



Are you a student in veterinary medicine or biomedical sciences? We have paid internships—with tuition assistance—available at the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). Our interns work alongside APHIS veterinarians and other experts at the forefront of animal health to protect American agriculture.

Who Is Saul T. Wilson, Jr.?

Dr. Wilson dedicated his professional career to public veterinary medicine, first within APHIS and then at Tuskegee University after he retired in 1989. During his Federal career, he made outstanding contributions to the health of the Nation’s livestock and poultry industries. He also played an essential role in eradicating foot-and-mouth disease from Mexico in the 1950s, helping protect our country against reinfection from this devastating animal disease. He made a long-lasting impact on APHIS and the field of public veterinary medicine.

Internship Experiences

As a Saul T. Wilson, Jr., intern, you will experience the real-world situations facing Federal regulatory veterinarians every day. This includes work in the field, animal health laboratories, and office settings. For example, you may assist with veterinary technician duties, conduct routine tests at one of our labs, help our disease programs collect data, and much more. We provide a wide range of learning opportunities so our interns are prepared for life in the public veterinary field.

An Exciting Career Pathway

The USDA Pathways Program offers different “pathway” opportunities for students and recent graduates to work in agriculture and many other fields. One of these pathways is the USDA Internship Program. APHIS Veterinary Services participates in this program, offering the Saul T. Wilson, Jr., Internship to recruit talented veterinarians. This internship is expected to last more than 1 year, and the intern may be converted to a permanent position with APHIS after completing the Pathways Program and meeting all other requirements.

Ready to join our team?

Benefits

- Up to \$7,500 per year for undergraduate studies and up to \$15,000 for graduate studies for tuition, books, tutors, and laboratory fees
- Paid employment during summer and school breaks as a Veterinary Student Trainee
- Participation in the Federal Employees Retirement System and Thrift Savings Plan (401K)
- Paid vacation and sick leave
- Based on the length of the work periods, compensation may also include health insurance benefits.
- Possibility of conversion, without further competition, to a permanent appointment with APHIS upon completing a D.V.M degree and meeting all other Pathways Program requirements

After completing all program requirements, you must become a full-time APHIS employee for at least 1 calendar year for each school year the internship covered. If you do not accept an APHIS employment offer, you must reimburse all financial assistance received under the program. If you fail to serve the entire length of the mandatory APHIS employment period, you must reimburse the agency a prorated share of the funds awarded.

Eligibility

Upon entrance on duty, you must:

1. Be a U.S. citizen;
2. Be enrolled as a half-time or full-time student and/or accepted for enrollment in an accredited veterinary college or university within the United States;*
3. Be in good academic standing; and
4. Agree to work for the agency during school breaks for a minimum of 640 hours prior to completion of studies. Positions are available in many locations. USDA will try to match students with desired location.

How To Apply

Interested students must apply online via www.usajobs.gov. Locate the announcement using the key words "Saul T. Wilson" in the search engine under the "Student and Recent Graduates" tab. You must have a USAJOBS account to apply. The announcement opens in the spring each year for about 2 weeks.

Required Documents

The online application system will prompt you to answer self-assessment questions and to submit the following:

1. Résumé
2. Transcripts for all completed college work to date
3. One letter of recommendation from college officials (such as professors, deans, or counselors) and/or work supervisors
4. An original essay of no more than 1.5 pages on the topic "Why I should receive a Saul T. Wilson, Jr., Internship and what contributions I hope to make to APHIS Veterinary Services"
5. Proof of current enrollment on a half-time or full-time basis and/or, if applicable, a letter of acceptance to veterinary school
6. A copy of your DD-214, if you are claiming Veterans' Preference

For More Information

Email us at vs.recruitment.pathways@usda.gov. To learn more about APHIS and all of our career opportunities, go to www.aphis.usda.gov/careers.

* Undergraduate applicants must have completed at least 2 years (60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours) of a 4-year pre-veterinary medicine or other biomedical science curriculum. Upon graduation, undergraduates are expected to proceed on to pursue a degree in veterinary medicine (D.V.M. program). Graduate students must show proof of acceptance to an accredited veterinary school.

