

CERSA Internship Program Proposal

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How does regulation of crop protection products really work?

This internship will focus on topics such as:

- the underlying principles of written regulations and how these principles impact regulators as they work to implement these written regulatory requirements,
- understanding of efforts working toward global regulatory harmonization and why such efforts are critically important, despite the implicit limits often placed on implementation of 'full' harmonization,
- garnering a better appreciation of the mixture of science and politics that are always in play during development and implementation of regulations, regulatory practices, and regulatory policies,
- increasing their knowledge of the key regulations, regulatory practices & risk assessment approaches, and regulatory policies that impact crop protection use, the modernization and improved sustainability of agriculture, and global trade of food and feed, and
- developing an understanding of the knowledge, skill set, and behaviors that are needed to build a successful career working in the crop protection regulatory field.

Depending on the interest and educational level of the intern, opportunities such as the following may be considered:

- focus on a specific area of regulation (e.g., human health or environmental risk assessment), country or region (e.g., United States, EU), or international level (e.g., OECD, CCPR), and / or
- Increase knowledge and their network by opening a facilitated dialogue with other practitioners with experience in the crop protection regulatory space (e.g., government regulators, non-governmental organizations, consultant firms, or crop protection companies).

At the end of the internship, participants will have a greater understanding of the crop protection regulatory system, how regulation of crop protection product really works in practice, and be better informed on what a potential career working in crop protection regulation could become.