

An Interview with ANSC Major Alyssa Condon for Her Internship Through ASAS with Joe Courtney Summer 2017



Q: Where did you intern, and when?

I interned in Congressman Joe Courtney's office in Washington D.C. during summer 2017.

Q: Was it a paid internship? What did you do there?

While the Congressman's office did not pay me, I did receive funding from the American Society of Animal Science. The ASAS Science Policy Internship provides funding for students to intern in Washington D.C. with a focus in agricultural policy.

In D.C., I spent a lot of time answering phones and speaking with constituents. Additionally, I helped the legislative staff do research for letters that would be sent out to constituents, as well as for upcoming legislation. My favorite part of the internship

was being able to sit in on meetings and go to hearings regarding upcoming agriculture legislation and the Farm Bill.

Q: When did you apply for this internship?

I applied for the ASAS Science Policy Internship at the end of the fall semester, and applied to work in the Congressman's office at the beginning of spring semester.

Q: How long did the internship last?

The internship lasted for 2 months over the summer.

Q: How did you learn about this opportunity?

I received an email from the Department of Animal Science about the ASAS internship opportunity. I applied and interviewed for that, and once I was selected to receive that internship, the ASAS helped me find an office to intern in.

Q: Anything else you'd like to add about your experience?

One of my biggest concerns about this internship was working in an office all day. I'm used to working outside and in a barn! I could now definitely see myself finding some sort of balance between office work and working directly with animals.

Q: What is your area of interest as an ANSC major?



My main interests are in agricultural policy, with a focus on the dairy industry. I'm currently double majoring in Resource Economics to get a background in policy and economics.

Q: So, what are your plans when you graduate?

I'm not sure yet! I'm considering getting a graduate degree in agriculture policy, but may also look for a job at an agricultural

non-profit or in an organization like the USDA or state department of agriculture.

Q: If someone has questions, can they contact you regarding your internship experience?

Of course! My e-mail is Alyssa.condon@uconn.edu.