
Fall 2026 Internship: Organic Seed Growers Conference

Organization Overview

Organic Seed Alliance puts the power of seed into the hands of growers. Our work promotes an abundant and diverse supply of organic seed, tended in perpetuity by skilled, diverse, and interconnected communities of seed stewards. To advance this mission, we serve growers working with seed across the U.S. through three program areas: 1) collaborative research on crop improvement and seed production for organic systems, 2) education on the agronomic, economic, and socio-political elements of seed work, and 3) legal and cultural advocacy toward policies that support organic agriculture and farmers' rights to save seed. Our approach emphasizes relationship building and network development across program areas.

Position Overview

The intern will work directly with the Assistant Director of Outreach, assisting with coordination and hosting of the [Organic Seed Growers Conference](#) (OSGC), both in person and online. OSA is seeking a dynamic and motivated Events Intern to join our team remotely for an average of 10-15 hours per week for 10 weeks during Fall 2026. This opportunity is designed to support students interested in exploring event career pathways in the organic industry through paid internships. OSA is seeking undergraduate or graduate students with majors in Event Management, Communications, Marketing, Advertising, Media Studies, or related fields. This internship offers an excellent opportunity for individuals interested in gaining hands-on experience in nonprofit or agriculture events and contributing to mission-driven projects.

Compensation: Up to 150 working hours at a rate of \$15/hour for undergraduate students (\$2,250) and \$18/hour for graduate students (\$2,700).

Internship Type: Remote

Start Date: Week of September 15, 2026 for 10 weeks with the option to renew contract and extend through March 31st, 2027 to attend the Organic Seed Growers Conference.

Eligibility: Open to current undergraduate or graduate students *and* recent graduate individuals ages 18-24, regardless of enrollment status.

Preferred Majors: Communications, Marketing, Journalism, Advertising, Media Studies, Public Relations, Agricultural Communications, or related fields

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- **With the rapidly evolving nature of Conference Organizing, this Scope of Work will provide a broad overview of aspects of the event that will need support. Week to week work plans will be developed collaboratively based on capacity.**
- Assisting with planning sessions for several events focused on organic systems for the [Organic Seed Growers Conference](#) including Pre-conference events: Farm Tour, and OSGC session tracks which could include:

- **Promotion Support** Help where needed to assist with the promotion of the Conference with the launch of the branding package.
- **Trade Show** Pre-event and on the ground Trade Show Support, helping vendors with day-of communication and expectations, setting up their tables and ensuring that everyone has registered for the event if needed.
- **Facilitator Training Support** Assist in preparing training materials for event facilitators, including guidelines, expectations, and agenda overviews. Help schedule training sessions and communicate with facilitators.
- **Research Expo Support** Collaborate with the event team to organize scientific research poster sessions, speaker panels, and displays for the Research Expo. Ensure all materials (posters, presentations) are ready and manage any needs related to tech, display equipment, and timing.
- **Finalizing Event Details** Assist in the final preparation of event logistics, including checking registration, creating nametags, double checking research expo booths, ensuring food vendor setups, and reviewing the schedule.
- **Conference Proceedings:**
 - Tracking submissions and sending confirmations
 - Following up with reminders to presenters that haven't sent in materials
 - Line editing submissions
 - Combining submissions into single document
 - Layout, proofing
- **Organic Seed Commons (OSC) Online Networking Platform**
 - Tracking digital submissions (lightning talks, art, etc) and sending confirmations
 - Following up with reminders to presenters that haven't sent in materials
 - Uploading materials to the conference space
 - Create virtual event calendar in OSC
 - Helping to pre-record presentations (e.g. hosting a zoom room where someone can present in advance and be recorded)
 - Community engagement in the conference feed (posting/commenting)
 - Content moderation (keeping an eye on conversations and flagging any potential issues, especially during the conference when our team is stretched thin)
 - Supporting or facilitating virtual synergy space meetings

If Internship is extended through Q1, 2027:

- **On-the-Ground Support:** Provide real-time event management support during the Trade Show, Research Expo, Organic Seed Commons, and other activities.
- **Post-Event Follow-Up:** Assist in post-event debriefs, sponsor thank-you letters, and feedback collection for continuous improvement.

Qualifications

Strong interpersonal skills in email communications, in person, and over the phone.

Interest in community building and event coordination.

Familiarity with organic farming and USDA's Organic Standards.

Familiarity with Google workspace tools and Zoom.

To Apply: Please indicate on your application if you are attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU), Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI), or 1994 Land Grant Institution. **Enrollment in one of these institution types is not required.** Please fill out this [application](#).

Send a cover letter and resume to aba@seedalliance.org by August 31, 2026.