

Interested in strengthening ties with the University of Nebraska's new Rural Futures Institute to complete a community project in YOUR TOWN?

Interested in hosting UNL student interns who have a passion for community development?

Interested in better positioning YOUR TOWN to recruit young adults for local job openings?



# YES?

## Nebraska Rural Futures Internship

This nine-week summer internship program provides Nebraska rural communities the opportunity to complete a locally identified community improvement project with the help of UNL student leaders. Successful community applicants will work with UNL (Office of Student Involvement, Center for Civic Engagement, the Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program, the Nebraska Human Resources Institute, and the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources) as well as the Heartland Center for Leadership Development to host two UNL student leaders as summer interns in each community.

## What's Expected from Community Applicants:

**Create "Serviceship" Experience** - Rural communities that have an identified local community improvement project are encouraged to apply. Serviceships are completed in nine weeks during summer 2015 in partnership with UNL students (teams of two), faculty and community leaders. Selected communities will also have additional opportunities for students to engage in civic and service activities. Previous projects have included: analysis of historic homes and districts, organization of community wide clean-up days, development and implementation of a county wide entrepreneurial high school curriculum and creation of local community brand. Successful communities must provide a stipend of \$1,200 per intern and no cost housing to support them.

**Evaluation and Reflection** - Students will be asked to critically reflect through weekly blogs, community supervisors will be asked to provide bi-weekly feedback, and faculty mentors will be asked to connect long distance at least twice with the students and community supervisor. At least one on-site visitation will be conducted by a team from the Heartland Center and UNL. During the fall semester, a student colloquium will be developed as an opportunity for students and communities to reflect on the projects and stated community goals. Post evaluation data will be collected and utilized for future program enhancement.

## For More Information Contact:

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Phone: 402-474-7667, Email: mwall@heartlandcenter.info

## Application Submission:

Submit your information sheet to the Heartland Center for Leadership Development, 3110 N. 40th St., Lincoln, NE 68504 or Email [mwall@heartlandcenter.info](mailto:mwall@heartlandcenter.info).

## Applications Can Be Obtained From:

Rural Futures Institute Website: <http://ruralfutures.nebraska.edu/>

Heartland Center for Leadership Development Website: <http://www.heartlandcenter.info/>



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# Nebraska Rural Futures Internship Community Information Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe why rural Nebraska is important to the future of our younger residents (100 words or less):

Please describe in detail a project for your Rural Futures Interns. This should be a locally identified project based on your community's priorities. Applications that can supply a detailed plan will be more competitive in the selection process.  
(200 words or less):

Your completion of this form implies that your community will be able to offer a stipend of \$1,200 per intern and no cost housing to support them. Please identify the source (s) of your cost sharing and describe the type of housing that would be available.

Please identify who will be the intern's immediate supervisor. What is their experience with supervision and/or student internships/mentoring?

How will your Rural Futures Interns be integrated into your community? (i.e. media promotion of intern project, regular reports at monthly economic development meetings, speech opportunities at weekly Rotary and Kiwanis meetings).

Please provide three (3) letters of support from various community leaders or community organizations that will be supportive of the RFI intern project within your community.



**Application Deadline: January 30, 2015**  
**Multi Community/Regional projects will be considered.**



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