



VPPA Internship Program – Fully Funded

The Vanuatu Primary Producers Authority (VPPA) was established by an Act of Parliament in 2018, purposely to:

- (a) Establish the Authority and its associated forums;
- (b) Register Primary Producers of the nation and group them into product groups so that it is easy to work with each of them; and
- (c) To provide an environment where primary producers can collaborate, discuss and address matters important and critical to them;

The Internship

The VPPA, in collaboration with the PHAMA Plus program, is conducting an agriculture internship program. The VPPA is inviting applicants for five internship positions in its office in Port Vila. The successful applicants will work under a tutelage program for one year. This is a robust agriculture internship that will offer a comprehensive learning experience. Successful applicants must be prepared to deliver excellent customer service and approach tasks with a positive, can-do attitude. You will learn hands-on skills and experience in listening to and working through problems raised by primary producers. You will work on placement rosters with other government entities to gain wider knowledge in problem-solving and build working relationships with key personnel in these organizations. This is an opportunity to put your college or university knowledge into practice.

Career Options

Upon completion of the program, the successful applicants will be offered work contract opportunities with the Authority as Provincial Officers. Provincial Officers will be required to live and work alongside other government personnel in the provinces.

Role Summary

To work with the office of the Chief Executive Officer and the Board of the Vanuatu Producers Primary Authority to perform the duties outlined, ensuring that the organization achieves its objectives in accordance with the Vanuatu Producers Primary Authority Act. The interns will report to the Chief Executive Officer.

Duties

- Assist to organize, coordinate, and administer Provincial Forum meetings and activities
- Assist with reporting on provincial activities to the National Forum
- Assist to provide support to VPPA members
- Provide support to VPPA staff with other daily duties
- Perform other duties as directed by the office of the Chief Executive Officer

Personal Attributes

- Have the passion and desire to improve rural livelihood
- Must love travelling in the islands
- Love for agriculture, science, soil, and sea
- Possess excellent problem-solving skills

- Sound observation skills
- Excellent communication skills
- Good organizational skills
- Can work independently and as part of a team
- Display good leadership skills

Qualifications and Skills Requirements

- A Diploma or Bachelor's degree in agriculture, rural development, science, or environment
- Some work experience in the primary productive sector or rural communities will be beneficial
- Can manage complex issues in the primary productive sector
- Very good interpersonal skills
- Ability to work under pressure
- Skill and ability to meet datelines
- Good administrative and MS Office skills
- Maintain confidentiality of office records

Send or drop your application at the following Address: Eleanor Kenneth

Rue Picarde, Nambatu Area, Port Vila, Efate Island, Shefa Province, VANUATU

Or email your application to: ekenneth@vanuatu.gov.vu

You can request further information regarding this program and the application process from Eleanor Kenneth at ekenneth@vanuatu.gov.vu, or call (678) 25842.

Your application will be accompanied by copies of your curriculum vitae, qualifications, previous work experience (if any), and a medical certificate.

Applications close: 31 July 2023