



SUMMER 2024

STUDENT OPPORTUNITY AT UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE

## *Slaughterhouse Regulations for Small-Scale Meat Producers*

**OVERVIEW:** One 10 week/400-hour student internship is being offered to a student with a background in public policy, planning, urban ecology, or urban agriculture. Funded by the [University of Maryland Strategic Partnership \(MPOWER\)](#), the project is part of the UM Scholars program for a University of Maryland College Park (UMCP) student to conduct research with faculty at the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) on the potential and existing land tenure models employed to increase agricultural land use in urban and peri-urban settings. The selected student will receive \$5,500 for the work, to be paid in two installments over the 10 weeks.

**IDEAL CANDIDATE:** This project is appropriate for a student from the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, or any other student interested in environmental law or with a background/interest in public policy, pre-law, criminology & criminal justice, sociology. The student must be actively enrolled in Fall 2024 semester to be considered.

**LOCATION:** Hybrid: In-person & Remote. Traveling to, and parking at UMB, is the responsibility of the student and paid for in the stipend.

**Faculty Lead:** Margaret Todd, JD, Senior Legal Specialist and Managing Director for the Agriculture Law Education Initiative at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, Carey School of Law.

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### **ABOUT THE PROJECT:**

Slaughterhouse regulations and policies are designed for large scale facilities that handle high volumes of meat. However, building a more resilient food system must also include consideration of the small- and mid-scale infrastructure that is needed to allow small- and mid-scale farmers to sell to their customers. The UM Scholar will conduct a literature and legal source review, conduct direct outreach and case study interviews with farmers, and help create an [Agriculture Law Education Initiative \(ALEI\)](#)-Extension publication that would be utilized by Maryland and regional agricultural operations to help them better understand how to comply with current laws and regulations regarding slaughtering and processing of meat products.

Being on the team for this project would include working with a post-graduate legal fellow with the ALEI and attending virtual meetings with farmers, Extension faculty, and other experts with a background in agriculture and the environment. The proposed project may include trips to agricultural operations to understand their common agricultural law issues. Working on this project will also allow for future inclusion as a contributing author on conference presentations, journal articles, and Extension publications developed from the research.



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For more information on the Agriculture Law Education Initiative (ALEI): <https://umaglaw.org/>

*International Students:* F-1 or J-1 students should consult an International Students and Scholars Services (ISSS) advisor for this activity. If you are interested in applying, ***please contact ISSS before*** submitting your application.

**APPLY HERE.**

**Application Deadline: 11:59 on Sunday, February 25, 2024.**

*Application must include:*

1. A Statement of Interest (no more than 500 words) as a PDF. Please identify the file as follows:  
Your\_Last\_Name\_SOI
2. A PDF of your current resume. Please identify the file as follows: Your\_Last\_Name\_Resume

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