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Aggies can lend support through serviship jobs

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CURTIS, Neb. – Aggie students from the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture can assist Nebraskans with recovery efforts from the state's devastating floods through a summer serviship program.

The University of Nebraska, of which NCTA is a fifth campus, is now accepting employment applications for the effort that will place up to 50 NU students in communities across the state, said Ron Rosati, NCTA dean.

"Our students seeking a summer job can apply for this serviship which is funded by the University of Nebraska," Rosati said. "Selection will be based on criteria such as academic standing, their willingness to serve, and other criteria such as their locale and areas of greatest need."

Linda Cole, NCTA administrative support associate and tour coordinator, is the campus contact for interested NCTA students, Rosati said.

Students can work for varying lengths of service with a maximum of 40 hours per week, up to 10 weeks beginning in May or June. They will earn \$12.50 per hour. Some may be eligible for college credit.

All University of Nebraska students at campuses from the UN Medical Center, Omaha, Lincoln, Kearney and Curtis are eligible to apply. The application is available at <https://go.unl.edu/v63k>.

All undergraduate, graduate and professional students from any University of Nebraska campus, including the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, are invited to apply.

Students need access to a car and may request to serve in their hometown, if it was adversely impacted by the floods. The project will combine elements of service and learning, Rosati said.

Using a successful community service model developed by NU's Rural Futures Institute, the flood recovery serviships are designed to provide students with valuable public service.

"They can gain insight to how communities deal with natural disasters," said Chuck Hibberd, dean and director of Nebraska Extension."

“Students will work directly with local leaders on recovery efforts to contribute in ways that add value,” Hibberd added. “They will help our university-wide team and Nebraska Extension to coordinate volunteer opportunities and pursue partnerships where NU expertise is needed.”

The program is funded by a \$250,000 investment from the University of Nebraska.

NCTA students will contact Linda Cole at the NCTA Welcome Center in the Nebraska Agriculture Industry Education Center on campus.

Complete information on the University of Nebraska’s coordinated response to the flooding is available at <https://nebraska.edu/flood-assistance>.



Emily Giese of Papillion, a diversified agriculture student at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis, and member of Women in Agriculture, prepares to load disaster donations Friday morning.

WIA faculty advisor Meredith Cable is delivering supplies on behalf of the NCTA WIA Disaster Relief project. Many of these supplies were donated by a church in Gothenburg.

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