Internships 2026

CDIC offers three levels of internship:

- "Incubator" support
- A structured process that provides hands-on, career relevant experience within potential roles in California's dairy processing, production and supplier networks
- Innovation, Sr. Project & Entrepreneurial Support

Who can apply?
California residents/ students enrolled in food science, dairy science, engineering, packaging science, agribusiness, business administration, sustainability or other science programs, with California universities or community colleges.

HOW TO APPLY

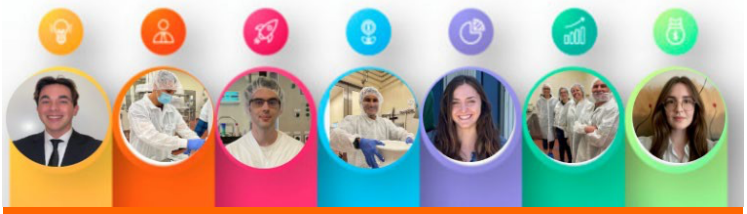
Learn more about CDIC at www.cdic.net and the California Dairy Industry, CMAB at https://www.realcaliforniamilk.com

Please send your resume and a cover letter to nvanbuskirk@cmab.net

Include your permanent address, education/institution and relevant coursework or experience. In your cover letter, please indicate the type of internship you are interested in (see list on the right), your availability(full time/part-time, dates), and proposed project.

Tell us about your strengths, passions, and unique talents! Please include recommendation letters from faculty, industry sponsors, or previous employers. If an internship matches your skills and interests, we will contact you for an interview.

Thank you for your interest! **CMAB 2026**



OPEN INNOVATION with DAIRY PROCESSORS
INDUSTRY-SPONSORED

CDIC serves as the liaison between industry partners and qualified students, providing the first level in the interview process. The scope, terms, and supervision of each internship are determined by the sponsoring organization after it's determined the student's academic preparation and skills align with the organization requirements. These internships offer students a structured, mentored experience with meaningful career exposure.

NEW DAIRY PRODUCTS COMPETITIONS
FACULTY-GUIDED & TEAMS

To help students (and teams) compete in regional and national new dairy products competitions, CDIC offers special "Competition internships." CDIC focuses on providing guidance, technical and marketing support to independent, campus-based teams as allowed by program rules. The scope is defined by the competition's sponsor, and supervision provided by faculty. Stipend may also be used by a student team for supplies, pilot plant time and related expenses (pre-approved).

SENIOR PROJECTS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP
INNOVATION FACULTY/ INDUSTRYGUIDED

Thinking of a senior or entrepreneurship project aligned with CDIC's research and application priorities? Make it an internship & share your final report with CDIC, & when applicable, with processors and industry. Student entrepreneurs can access selected CMAB's *Incubator*'s resources. These internships require an application, faculty approval & academic supervision.