There are numerous campus student organizations of interest to agricultural and applied economics majors, including Economics Student Association, Global Economic Forum – Madison, and Women in Economics. A full list of organizations is available on the Wisconsin Involvement Network website (https://win.wisc.edu/organizations/).

Each year, a team of UW–Madison students participates in the annual CME Group University Trading Challenge (https://www.cmegroup.com/events/university-trading-challenge.html), a simulated trading competition that pits hundreds of college teams from around the world against one another as they make real-time commodity trading decisions.

AAE students are able to gain social science research experience on both domestic and international topics by working with a faculty member on a specific project.

Agricultural and applied economics majors can complete an internship during their undergraduate years.

Many agricultural and applied economics students choose to study abroad. These programs help students gain an international perspective and prepare them to participate in today’s global economy. Students can find more information on the CALS study abroad advising page (https://cals.wisc.edu/academics/undergraduate-students/international-programs/study-abroad-advising/). Study abroad options include programs that focus on sustainable development, food systems, agriculture, health and wellness, and community and economic development.

AAE students who select development economics as their area of concentration take numerous international-focused courses that address the global economy, population, and poverty.

AAE students have numerous volunteer activities to choose from. The Morgridge Center for Public Service (https://morgridge.wisc.edu/) provides resources to help students connect with volunteer opportunities based on their interests and goals.