2017 SUMMER INTERNSHIP - CROPS

UW-Lancaster Ag Research Station

**General Description**

The student will report to the UW-Lancaster Ag Research Station and assist with various activities in support of field crop, soils and pasture management research. Additionally, the student will perform various tasks in support of the stations production fields. There are about 215 acres of cropland and 200 acres of pasture at the station. Typical crops grown at the station include corn, soybeans, winter wheat, oats, alfalfa and other forages.

**Duties may include**

* Measure and flag research plots as instructed
* Assist with research activities such as, hand-applying fertilizer, cutting alleys, taking notes on crop growth stages, height, etc.
* Scout research and production fields for weeds, insects, diseases and nutrient deficiencies.
* Assist with forage harvesting, including recording data, collecting samples and determining moisture content for both research plots and production fields.
* Assist where needed with general station tasks, such as lawn mowing, repairing fences and assisting the crew with cattle activities when needed.

**Skills the student will learn**

* How to identify crop growth stages
* Weed and insect identification
* How to determine moisture content of forage using a microwave oven
* Scouting techniques for insects and other pests
* How to identify various grasses and legumes in pastures
* How to sample bales for lab analysis using a bale corer

**Work hours**

* Flexible weekday work schedule between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The number of hours worked per week may vary but will generally be around 40.
* Duration of position will be late spring/early summer to late August.

**Wage rate**

$9.50 per hour

**For more information contact:**

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