

DATE: October 1, 2020

TO: CALS Departments and ARS Superintendents

FROM: Mike Peters
Director, Agricultural Research Stations

RE: 2021 Summer Internship Opportunities at Agricultural Research Stations

Application deadline: Friday, November 6, 2020

The objective of the Agricultural Research Stations' Summer Internship program is to foster relationships between UW-Madison departments and station personnel. At the same time, the opportunity provides UW-Madison undergraduate students a chance to become involved in applied research projects as they consider their career plans. These internships should be used as a recruitment tool and have a direct benefit to a student. Awarded internships provide students with an opportunity to see how research programs and farms are managed, observe from a faculty member's and a superintendent's point of view the responsibilities associated with overseeing a research program and a farm and experience the diversity of activities that occur in both settings.

Five internships will be awarded for summer of 2021, each with \$5000 for student labor (approximately 15 weeks – June 1 through August 31, limited to UW-Madison undergraduate students) and \$500 for supplies to be spent at the station on the student's project. Last year, projects were awarded at Arlington, Lancaster, Marshfield, Rhinelander, and Spooner Agricultural Research Stations. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these internship opportunities could not be utilized and will be extended to the summer 2021. In addition to the extended internship awards, this call seeks to award five new internships.

Funding is intended to support an undergraduate student full-time for the summer with about half of the time spent on an individual research project in conjunction with a CALS faculty member and about half-time spent on a variety of station activities under the direction of the superintendent. Some stations may be able to provide housing options. Credits for internship experience may be possible by separate arrangements with the student's on-campus advisor. **As part of the intern's work with the superintendents, a poster presentation should be assembled and become part of the station's permanent displays.**

To be considered for funding, the faculty member must have an active Hatch, Hatch-Multistate or McIntire-Stennis project during the summer of 2021. The internship must be related to the faculty member's current Hatch, Hatch-Multistate or McIntire-Stennis project. The project description section should include an overview of the student's research project, an explanation of how the student's project contributes to the faculty member's Hatch, Hatch-Multistate or McIntire-Stennis project and how the student and the station benefit from the proposed activities. The project description section of the application should not exceed two pages.

Applications for the summer 2021 internship opportunity should be submitted electronically with all required signatures to the arsinternships@cals.wisc.edu mailbox. Applications should not be submitted via WISPER. If a student is already identified, please include their name. Applications will be accepted until Friday, November 6, 2020 with announcements made in mid to late December.

Please direct any questions with regard to the program to Michell Sass, CALS Research Division, michell.sass@wisc.edu or 608-265-9534.

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Agricultural Research Stations**

Project title:
ARS station(s):
CALS faculty:
Student name (if known):
Project description (2-page limit):

Required-Hatch Project Account Number:

Signatures: ARS Superintendent: _____

Faculty Supervisor: _____