Hybrid Research Internship



Company

Weaver Popcorn Company was founded by Reverend Ira Weaver in 1928 and started popcorn hybrid breeding in 1979. Today, Weaver Popcorn Hybrids is an independently operating popcorn breeding and seed production company dedicated to delivering industry-leading popcorn hybrids.

Position

Weaver Popcorn Hybrids is seeking a hardworking, motivated individual to participate in a three-month summer internship. The Hybrid Research Internship will offer the opportunity to work in all aspects of the popcorn breeding process.

Responsibilities include:

- Assisting with day-to-day research activities such as pollinating, phenotyping, tissue sampling, manual and/or chemical weed control, stand counts, inventory, and any other special projects
- Management of pollination crews in the breeding nursery and/or crossing blocks

Location

We are located in New Richmond, IN, just south of Lafayette, IN. Reliable transportation to the research station is required.

Requirements

- Currently pursuing an associate or bachelor's degree in plant breeding, agronomy, horticulture, plant biology, or related field
- Valid U.S. driver's license
- Reliable transportation to New Richmond, IN site (30 minutes south of Lafayette)
- Relevant coursework in agronomy, plant breeding, plant pathology, and genetics
- Ability to work independently and solve problems
- Ability to work in adverse weather conditions including high heat, sun, wind, and rain for extended hours during peak pollination
- Attention to detail and excellent observation skills
- Flexibility to work outside normal work hours, including Saturdays during pollination
- Key qualities: Reliable, honest, responsible, and strong work ethic

How to Apply

Please send your resume to <u>Michelle.Brawn@weaverhybrids.com</u> or stop by the Weaver Hybrids booth at the Spring Purdue Ag Career Fair.