Soybean Breeding Internship

Description
BASF is seeking applicants for paid internships in soybean breeding at the Champaign, IL facility. These positions will provide hands on experience in an industry soybean breeding program developing high performing soybean varieties for farmers. Interns will be involved in many facets of the breeding program including seed packaging, planting, plot maintenance, tissue sampling, volunteer monitoring, crossing, data collection and harvest activities. Interns will have the opportunity to complete special projects which they will summarize and present at the end of their appointment. There are two options for internship term. The first is a three-month internship that takes place during the summer. The second is a six-month internship in which a student can elect to work during the summer and full time during the fall semester to get further experience related to soybean genetics, operating research combines and harvest activities. Opportunities for work in the spring are also available.

Opportunities
-Gain experience in experimental designs used in plant breeding
-Experience small plot research and note taking
-Operate research equipment
-Exposure to diverse trait platforms
-Ability to gain knowledge in genetics discipline
-Learn about local agronomic practices

Desired Qualifications
-Students pursuing a degree in plant breeding, agriculture or related field
-Experience with Microsoft Office programs and data collection
-Experience working on or around farm equipment
-Previous experience with field nursery and plot research

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