



Vita Plus Forage Technical Internship

Objective:

To provide the student with practical experience and emerging technologies in farm forage harvest, storage, and management. The internship will provide on-farm experience in working with Midwest dairy producers, their employees, and other allied industry that service and support their operations.

Experience includes:

- Job shadows and collaboration in a team environment
- Opportunities to participate in team and customer meetings and network with industry contacts
- Interaction with producers using different forage technologies and management styles
- Exposure to feed mill operations, feed production logistics and the fulfillment of dairy rations
- Immersion into critical farm forage decisions - including harvest, storage, feedout and shrink - and the direct impact these areas have on forage quality and milk production
- Research on forage products and technologies

Intern project(s):

The project(s), developed with the Vita Plus forage leadership team, will require the ability to both collaborate and to act independently to achieve the objectives. These efforts will be focused on cutting-edge forage technologies. The intern will work with other team members to complete the project, assemble and analyze the data, and present the findings to the Vita Plus team and any involved producers.

Past project examples:

- **Forages:** Studied the potential benefits of new forage hygiene analyses to determine and circumvent undesired forage fermentation products and decreased forage quality
- **Activity and rumination monitoring systems:** Gathered producer feedback on various systems, observations of the variation among groups, and the use of other technologies to measure environmental impact
- **Calf transition:** Evaluated and analyzed preweaning to post-weaning period and worked to understand how various management strategies affect average daily gain through this period

Location, travel and compensation:

This position will be based in Madison, Wisconsin. Most of the travel will be within the Vita Plus Midwest market area. This may include some overnight travel. All travel expenses will be reimbursed. Compensation is \$15.50 per hour.

Application deadline: November 1, 2021

Please submit resume and cover letter electronically to:

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Vita Plus Corporation, an employee-owned company, serves dairy and livestock producers throughout the Midwest. Founded in 1948, the company is headquartered in Madison, Wisconsin. In addition to quality feed manufacturing, Vita Plus consultants offer the latest cutting-edge nutrition, technology and management expertise. For more information about the organization, call 800.362.8334 or go online at www.vitaplus.com.