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## **VETERINARY STUDENT SUMMER EXTERNSHIP**

**DESCRIPTION:** Riverview, LLP is an agribusiness based in Morris, Minnesota with farms in Arizona, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico and South Dakota. We are involved in beef, crops, construction and dairy and are currently looking for 4 veterinary student summer externs for 10 weeks in the summer of 2024. The role of the veterinary summer extern is to implement a research project of importance to Riverview's dairy segment in collaboration with university veterinary faculty and Riverview's on-staff veterinarians. This will be successfully accomplished through working with farm employees for implementation of the protocol and monitoring compliance with the protocol and measuring outcomes, while gaining real-world experience through weekly dairy rotations.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

- Core value cultural fit
  - Strong Work Ethic, Spirit of Humility, Keep it Simple, Integrity, Candor
- Passionate about production agriculture
- Willingness to learn Spanish
- Data-based decision making
- Persistent: Demonstrates willingness to get something done
- Organized: Plans, organizes and prioritizes in efficient manner
- Flexible: Adjusts quickly to changing priorities and conditions
- High standards for personal and team performance

## **RIVERVIEW RESEARCH PRIORITIES 2024**

1. Calf Castration
  - a. Key Question – Does utilization of lidocaine infused castration bands improve the welfare and/or productivity of dairy/beef crossed bull calves?
  - b. Why is this important to Riverview? We are continuing to look for advancements in cattle health, performance and welfare. This is a new product for the market and we would like to evaluate prior to implementation on our farms.
2. Technology Aids for Pneumonia Detection in Calves
  - a. Key Question – Do ear tags on the market improve calf pneumonia detection and/or health performance of calves compared to conventional detection methods?
  - b. Why is this important to Riverview? Care and management of our calves is a continual evolution. As technology aids become readily available to the market, we'd like to explore the implications of utilizing these types of systems.

3. Calf Transportation
  - a. Key Question – What is the impact of calf transportation on their health, productivity and welfare?
  - b. Why is this important to Riverview? Transportation is a critical aspect of our calf management system. We'd like to better understand the implications of transportation on these calves.
  
4. Cow Calf Separation
  - a. Key question – How does the immediate separation of calves from cows effect the behaviors of the cows?
  - b. Why is this important to Riverview? – We'd like to better understand the dynamics of cow calf separation. To date, there is little data around this topic and we'd like to understand if there are welfare impacts that should be considered and/or managed.

### **BENEFITS OF PROGRAM**

- Opportunity to conduct unbiased and practical research on a 7,000+ cow dairy or large calf ranch.
- Ability to develop a deep understanding of large dairy operations by rotating through the various animal care teams.
- Mentorship from on-staff veterinarians and collaboration with veterinary faculty.
- Ability to learn farm-specific Spanish through an immersion experience.
- Field trips to other sites in the Riverview system.
- Potential to present research at AABP or potentially be published.
- \$16 per hour with time-and-a-half for every hour over 40 hours per week. A typical workweek is 60 hours, so this nets out to \$18.67 per hour. With a typical workweek and a 10-week internship, this could gross around \$11,200.
- Students are responsible for paying for housing, but we will help you find it (~\$300 per month).

Dates of Externship: May 28<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

Location Dependent Upon Project – Minnesota, South Dakota or Arizona.

**TO APPLY:** Submit online application with cover letter and resume: <http://www.riverviewllp.com/internships.html> or email application, cover letter and resume to: [careers@riverviewllp.com](mailto:careers@riverviewllp.com).

**Applications due by Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.**