Dow DuPont Internship Opportunity

Dow DuPont seeks an intern for the 2018 planting/pollinating season at our Olivia, MN, research and development facility. Our products and services are designed to solve problems for our customers, while boosting agriculture productivity to maximum sustainable levels to meet the needs of our world's expanding population. Our research focus includes technologies to provide better crops, better plant nutrition, and more effective pest management solutions. Dow AgroSciences is a global biotech company with R&D facilities worldwide; among them is the Olivia corn and soybean breeding station, located in Olivia, MN, about 2 hours west of the Twin Cities.

The Olivia breeding station develops superior germplasm to provide better hybrids and varieties to the market. Continuous improvement in yield and agronomic performance are imperative for the success of our company. We are currently seeking interns for our conventional corn, transgenic corn, production research, and soybean programs to begin in the spring/summer of 2018. The ideal candidate will be majoring in agricultural or biological/environmental sciences and have an interest in research and development and/or seed production and project management in an industry environment. Both Undergraduate and Graduate students are encouraged to apply.

The internship position requires an organized, self-motivated, and team-oriented individual that enjoys working outdoors. An estimated 90% of this position will be in a field environment, with the remaining 10% spent on in-lab setup of projects. This is a paid internship that may include long hours, including weekends, as needed, to complete project goals. The intern will work closely with managers in conventional corn, transgenic (traited) corn, production research, and/or soy research and development projects to complete tasks to meet project objectives. The internship scope will include, but is not limited to, the following tasks:

- Learn the process of developing hybrids and inbred populations
- Gain experience and knowledge of research methodologies
- Take ownership of an individual project with guidance from breeding staff
- Interact and work collaboratively in a team environment
- Participate in comprehensive conversations about genetics, plant breeding, and program management, and actively contribute to ongoing improvement of individual's project objective
- Develop leadership skills while managing part-time summer labor
- Provide basic field/lab support to all projects as needed
- Attend Regional Internship Meeting to learn about various functional groups of the company
- Assist with seed set-up, randomization, scanning, planting, stand counting, tissue sampling, data collection and entry, pollination, flowering notes, etc. as needed to accomplish program objectives

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