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### **ENROLLMENT FOR 2019 ON-FARM INTERNSHIP PROGRAM NOW OPEN**

*Foundation Encourages Undergraduates and Host Farms to Apply*

**Harrisburg, Pa.** – The application period for the 2019 On-Farm Internship is now available for undergraduate students and host farms, with applications being due November 30, 2018. The purpose of these internships are to give students the chance to gain hands-on experience with an operation that is committed to mentoring and teaching the next generation of dairy farm managers.

“The On-Farm Internship Program allows students to experience a glimpse into future careers in dairy production and the industry,” said Brittany Haag, dairy education programs manager with the Center for Dairy Excellence. “It is a learning opportunity for undergraduate students and can be equally rewarding to the farms that participate as hosts.”

The participating students receive \$3,000 to supplement compensation from their hosting dairy farm. The program provides farms with skilled interns interested in dairy production and offers the students an internship competitive with those offered by allied industries.

Consideration is given to students with an interest in dairy production who attend a Pennsylvania university or are residents of Pennsylvania attending or recently graduated from an institute of higher education. Selection of internship participants are based on an application and interview with prospective farm hosts. Farms may be located within or outside of Pennsylvania but the farm manager(s) must agree to provide the intern with exposure to all aspects of a successful, progressive dairy operation.

If selected, farms and students set goals for the summer and create a project around a specific focus area. Students are also paired with a mentor throughout the summer and participate in monthly calls and an online discussion group with their mentor and other interns participating in the program. Students are encouraged to attend industry related events throughout the summer, and as a final project, give a formal presentation about their internship experience to the On-Farm Internship Committee.



The Center for Dairy Excellence Foundation, Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association and Professional Dairy Managers of Pennsylvania support the On-Farm Internship program.

To learn more about the program, visit the "Students & Educators" tab at [centerfordairyexcellence.org](http://centerfordairyexcellence.org) and select "On-Farm Internships" from the menu. Questions should be referred to Brittany Haag by phone at 717-346-0849 or via email at [bhaag@centerfordairyexcellence.org](mailto:bhaag@centerfordairyexcellence.org).

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