Career Development Opportunity

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Opportunity Details
Business, Company, Organization Name: South Dakota Department of Agriculture
Company Description:
Opportunity Offering: Internship
Work Study Options:
Opportunity Title: Plant Pest Survey Intern
The opportunity will take place in?: South Dakota
Start Date: 5/11/2020
End Date: 8/21/2020
Weekly Hours: 40
Hourly Wage: $11.20
What does the opportunity provide?:
The work involves early detection activities for exotic and invasive plant pests, as well as assisting with the biological weed control program. Applicants with an interest in biological conservation or invasive species will likely find the survey projects interesting and rewarding. There are activities that cover a wide range of plants, habitats, and situations across the state. Our interns typically work a 40 hour / 4 day week. This works nice for students that have a weekend job or activity. The work involves weekly travel. Although we will have work almost statewide, individual travel will typically be more regional in nature. Even so, the students will go to areas of the state they likely have never seen. If we have advance communication, we usually can accommodate specific needs and situations a student may have. We provide a vehicle, cover the hotel stay, and a per Diem reimbursement for meals. We will help students gain credit for their efforts, if their advisor feels the experience fits with their academic goals.

What are the characteristics of a qualified candidate?:
Applicant must be a full-time student at a college or university and have sophomore standing or above by the end of the Spring 2020 semester, or must currently be enrolled at a technical institute and have completed one year (nine months) by the start of the internship. Preference will be given to South Dakota residents and students of South Dakota institutions. Applicants must be pursuing a degree in an agricultural related field such as, but not limited to: General Agriculture, Agricultural Education, Agronomy, Entomology, Plant Pathology, Plant Biology, Conservation, Forestry, or Range Management. Other specific degrees may be considered upon approval by the SD Bureau of Human Resources.

What skills are needed to be successful?:


Technical familiarity with entomology, plant pathology, and/or botany is essential. However, the most vital attribute in a pest survey intern is a desire to learn and explore the agriculture industry in South Dakota, while stretching their personal horizons.

Applicant must:
• be able to accurately follow oral and written directives;
• be able to work independently;
• possess good oral and written communication skills;
• be willing to travel overnight three to four nights per week;
• have a valid driver's license;
• be able to operate all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), and pass an ATV Safety Course.

Application Process:
Please review the information at these links. We often are able to be flexible with work dates and schedules to accommodate situations a student may have.

Please find the job description here: DOA Intern - Plant Pest Survey (Job Id 12960) https://scssdltmweb.agilera.net/ltm/CandidateSelfService/Im?_In=HotJobs&_r=18&bto=JobPosting&dataarea=ltm&name=PostingDisplay&service=form&webappname=CandidateSelfService&HROrganization=1&JobRequisition=12960&JobPosting=1#

Please find the registration and application information here: bhr.sd.gov/job-seekers/internship/

Application Deadline: 1/23/2020