



SUMMER RESEARCH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Research Jobs for High School Students

Agricultural Research Service: Northern Plains Area



WHAT IS THE ARS NORTHERN PLAINS AREA SUMMER APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM?

The Research Apprenticeship Program gives high school students interested in pursuing agriculturally-related occupations the chance to work with scientists for eight weeks during the summer.

Selected students work with research scientists and other professionals in the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), the principal research agency in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Students earn a good wage while also learning about careers and future employment prospects available in the ARS.

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APPRENTICES MUST BE:

1. High school students (including high school seniors) who are U.S. citizens, or citizens of certain countries in alliance with the United States (must have permanent residency); **and**
2. At least 16 years of age; **and**
3. Planning to continue their education in an accredited high school or a post-secondary program in the fall of 2011 (must supply proof of enrollment).

TO APPLY, SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

Please email the following material:

- 1) A letter stating why you are interested in the job, and your qualifications (relevant experience and/or scientific classes), to Mentor Scientist: Dr. Leah Whigham, leah.whigham@ars.usda.gov, office (701) 795-8287
- 2) The name, title, email, and telephone #s for 2-3 references (former or current employer, teacher/professor, etc.)
- 3) Transcript
- 4) Proof of enrollment for the fall semester (such as a class schedule)
- 5) A completed federal employment application OF-612, available at: http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/of612.pdf

Location:

USDA, ARS, Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center
2420 2nd Avenue North
Grand Forks, North Dakota

Web Address:

<http://www.ars.usda.gov/npa/gfhnrc>

Contact person:

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2420 2nd Avenue North
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(701) 795-8287

Pay: GS-1: **\$9.74**/hour 40 hours/week for 8 weeks tentative, start date 06/05/11 thru 07/30/11. Benefits include sick leave and paid holidays.

Application Deadline: Must submit a complete application package by, **04/18/2011.**

Job Description/Qualifications:

Our group studies healthy diets based on the Dietary Guidelines and how they can help people maintain a healthy body weight. The intern will get first-hand experience with basic principles related to chemistry, physics, math, psychology, and scientific writing. Student will develop a poster or power point on their research. More details on the apprentice program can be found at:

<http://www.ars.usda.gov/careers/docs.htm?docid=21463>

For information about the ARS Northern Plains Area (NPA): <http://www.ars.usda.gov/npa>
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