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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 veterinary student summer externs for 10 weeks in the summer of 2027. There are 2 primary outcomes our veterinary externs will take away – hands on experience working on one of our farms and answering an important management question. The hands-on experience will be based at one of our farms working alongside our teams working in various production areas of our farm – maternity, ICU, feeding, reproduction, calf care etc. through tailored weekly rotations. The management questions will be answered through implementation of a research project in collaboration with university veterinary faculty and Riverview's on-staff veterinarians.

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 2027

Externs will help shape the exact question they answer, working with our veterinarians and university faculty. No prior experience required, just curiosity.

1. Calf Transportation
 - a. Key Question: Which parts of a calf's trip from birth to the calf ranch matter most for her health and future performance?
 - b. Why is this important: Transportation is critical to our operation we want further continue to understand it's impact on health and welfare.
2. Cow Ventilation and Cooling
 - a. Key Question: How can ventilation and cooling be fine-tuned to keep cows comfortable and productive through every season?
 - b. Why is this important: Heat, humidity and air quality affect intake, milk, fertility and welfare.
3. Calf Disease Detection with Smart Tag Technology
 - a. Key Question: Can smart tags help us spot sick calves earlier than the human eye?

- b. Why is this important: Earlier detection means earlier treatment, better outcomes and more thoughtful antibiotic use.
- 4. Lameness Detection Model
 - a. Key Question: Can a data-driven model identify lame cows earlier and more consistently than routine observation?
 - b. Why is this important: Lameness hurts welfare, milk and fertility, and the sooner we catch it, the sooner we can help.

BENEFITS OF PROGRAM

- Ability to develop a deep understanding of large dairy operations by rotating through the various animal care teams.
- Opportunity to conduct unbiased and practical research on a 7,000+ cow dairy or large calf ranch.
- 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 and/or potential publication
- \$19.25 per hour with time-and-a-half for every hour over 40 hours per week. A typical workweek is 60 hours and nets out to \$22.50 per hour.
- Housing will be provided at no additional cost to the extern.

Dates of Externship: June 1st to August 6th, 2027.

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.

Applications are due by Tuesday, December 1st.

