



Animal Science News And Announcements

January, 2008



1. **STUDENTS GRADUATING THIS MAY:** Seniors who plan to graduate this May need to make an appointment with their advisor to complete their plan of study. Students are encouraged to complete their plan of study early in the spring semester to leave enough time to fix any problems before graduation.

2. **JOB OPPORTUNITIES:**

A. Jackie Patry from the UConn Dairy Bar is currently hiring work study and student labor for spring. If interested, please stop by the Dairy Bar and fill out a paper application.

B. Students with **work study** funding and looking for lab experience can contact the following professors regarding opportunities in their labs:

Dr. Kumar Venkitanarayanan - Food Microbiology Lab - 486-0947 -
Kumar.Venkitanarayanan@uconn.edu

Dr. Theodore Rasmussen - Regenerative Biology (glassware/lab
maintenance) - 486-8339 - Theodore.Rasmussen@uconn.edu

Dr. Gary Kazmer - Genomics Research/Lab Work - 486-1011-
Gary.Kazmer@uconn.edu

Dr. Richard Mancini - Food Chemistry Lab - 486-1775 -
Richard.Mancini@uconn.edu

C. Ken Crary from Country Pure Foods, a fruit juice plant in Ellington is looking for students interested in part-time lab work. If interested, email Kenc@juice4u.com.

3. **INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

A. Hoard's Dairyman, The National Dairy Farm Magazine is looking for eager, ambitious dairy students interested in pursuing a career as a dairy producer, herdsman, or farm manager. The Hoard's Dairyman Farm Summer Internship will allow students to gain practical experience in a modern dairy facility and with a long-established purebred Guernsey herd. Some opportunities include:

- Milking Center Operation
- Herd Health Work
- Visitor Tours
- Other Activities: tailored to the specific interests of the applicant

Application deadline is **March 1, 2008**. Students can mail resumes, grade transcripts, and cover letter, along with two written letters of recommendation to Corey Geiger, Internship Coordinator, 28 Milwaukee Ave. West, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538. For more information, visit www.hoards.com/farm/index.html.

B. Black Pine Animal Park in Albion, IN is seeking spring and summer interns for their exotic animal sanctuary. Interns will gain practical experience working with lions, tigers, leopards, cougars, chimpanzees, camels, reptiles, and more. Interns conduct educational programs and tours for park visitors and travel to area schools and businesses to raise awareness about the sanctuary's mission. Duties include: feeding, cleaning habitats, enrichment, groundskeeping, record keeping, public speaking, assisting with veterinary care, and animal observation. Spring Internships start March/April and end in May. **Applications are currently being accepted.** Summer internships start May/June and end in August. **Summer internship applications are due by March 1.** For a description of requirements and how to apply, visit their website at www.blackpineanimalpark.com/internships.htm. For more information, call the park at 260-636-7383 or email jess@blackpineanimalpark.com.

C. The William H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute is offering the following three Summer Experience Programs:

- Equine Management
- Agricultural Research
- Farm Management

The programs are available to agriculture and life science students in their junior or senior years of study. Students are encouraged, but not required, to register for college credit at their home institution. These programs are designed as 4-credit courses, although other arrangements may be made through the student's home institution. Each student's wage for the 13-week semester is \$3,000. Students live at Miner Institute where housing, breakfast and lunch each weekday are provided at a cost of \$300 for the summer session. The programs begin on May 19, 2008 and end on August 15, 2008. For information about the application process, stop by the Animal Science main office, room 107 in the George White Building. Information can also be found at <http://www.whminer.org/>.

D. The University of Nebraska – Lincoln seeks talented undergraduate students for their 2008 Summer Research Program. The program runs 8 - 10 weeks. Students will master important research skills and contribute to projects vital to the academic experience and a foundation for advanced study, as they prepare for future graduate work. Students with a strong interest in graduate programs are particularly encouraged to apply. Participants will receive the following benefits:

- Stipend ranging from \$3,000 - \$4,000
- Travel expenses to and from Lincoln
- Room and board for ten weeks
- The opportunity to present their research

Applications are due no later than **March 3, 2008**. For more information and application procedures, visit <http://www.unl.edu/summerprogram/>.

E. Dow AgroSciences has positions available for students seeking summer internship opportunities. These positions are full-time and are available from May until August. To apply, please submit a cover letter and resume, including a current GPA and references. Please specify your interest in the intern program and preference for either R & D or sales/marketing. Resumes are accepted beginning in October for the following year's internships and should be sent electronically to: bablakeslee@dow.com or mtsullenberger@dow.com. For more information, visit www.dowagro.com/careers/students/intern.htm.

4. **STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOLARS:** Attend an information session hosted by the Office of National Scholarships on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in CUE 134 to find out what it takes to be a Rhodes Scholar (study at Oxford for 2 years), a Marshall Scholar (study at any UK institution for 2 years), or a Mitchell Scholar (study at any Irish institution for one year). Juniors, seniors, recent grads, and grad students (under 24 years old for the Rhodes, under 30 years old for the Mitchell) are eligible to pre-apply for nomination for the October 2008 competition. Pre-applications for Rhodes and Marshall scholars are due **February 21, 2008**. Mitchell scholars are due **March 25, 2008**. Questions? Please contact Jill Deans at ons@uconn.edu.

5. **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

A. The SBM (Savings Bank of Manchester) annually gives scholarships in amounts of up to \$5,000 per year to help fund undergraduate study at colleges and universities in the state. Applications for 2008-2009 scholarships are available online at <http://www.sbmfoundation.org> or by calling 860-533-1067 to request an application by mail. Students must live in Hartford, Tolland or Windham counties and must maintain a 2.5 GPA. Deadline is **March 31, 2008**. Scholarships are renewable for students who maintain academic eligibility in college.

B. Every Animal Science student should apply NOW for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources/Ratcliffe Hicks School of Agriculture Undergraduate Scholarships. The single sheet application is available in the ANSC Department Main Office (Room 107) or students can download it from <http://www.myagnr.uconn.edu/2008-2009Scholarship.html> . Applying is easy and once you submit your application you will have a chance to be considered for CANR/RHSA scholarships listed at http://www.myagnr.uconn.edu/scholarships_continuing.html. The deadline is **February 15, 2008**.

C. The Connecticut Agricultural Education Foundation awards up to two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 to Connecticut students. Applicants must be a college student or a college-bound high school senior who is pursuing college study in an educational or applied agricultural field. Applications must be postmarked by **April 30, 2008**. For application information, please visit www.ctaef.org.

6. **OPPORTUNITIES – EQUINE PUBLISHING INDUSTRY:** American Horse Publications offers students wishing to become involved in the equine publishing industry an opportunity to join the association and participate in other student programs. Student membership is \$25 annually. The AHP offers a student award to students with at least one semester before graduation. The winner receives a cash award of \$1000. The AHP designs an Internship handbook specifically for college students with an interest in horses and who seek a career in equine publishing. The AHP Mentoring Program allows students an insight into a career in equine publishing through interaction with AHP professionals. For more information, visit www.americanhorsepubs.org.
7. **UConn Airport Shuttle is Back!** UConn Transportation can now take students from Storrs to Bradley Airport or from Bradley Airport to Storrs. Students can be picked up at their residence hall and dropped off at the airline that will take them to their vacation or home. Upon their return to school, they can be picked up at baggage claim and brought back to campus. This service is also available to faculty and staff on official business only and leaving the Storrs campus only. Cost is \$50.00 one-way/\$100.00 round-trip. Reservations must be made no later than one week prior to the flight. Reservations will be taken Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at 860-486-6902 or 4804/Email: erin.lirot@uconn.edu or janet.freniere@uconn.edu. Payment must be made prior to service by cash, check, or Husky Bucks and hand-carried or mailed to Transportation Services, 3 North Hillside Rd., Unit 6199, Storrs, CT.
8. **EQUESTRIAN TEAM NEWS:** The UConn Equestrian Team will be hosting a horse show at home on February 16th in the Horse Barn Hill Arena.