

Date: January 22, 2026
To: CALS Faculty and ARS Stations
From: Mike Peters, Director, Agricultural Research Stations
Re: Research Station Intern Program Summer 2026

Application deadline: February 27, 2026

Thanks to sponsorship from several generous donors the UW Agricultural Research Stations (ARS) are excited to seek applications for the 2026 Summer Research Intern Program. The ARS' Summer Internship program aims to foster relationships between Undergraduate Students seeking to learn more about agricultural research, UW-Madison Researchers, and ARS Personnel.

The proposed opportunity must involve the student in both an applied research project and the day to day operational needs of the selected ARS unit, providing them with a balanced experiential learning opportunity as they consider their education and career goals. Awarded interns will be mentored by both a faculty member and an ARS Unit Manager, allowing them to see how research programs and farms are managed, and experience through diverse viewpoints and activities the responsibilities associated with overseeing a research study.

Three internships will be awarded for summer of 2026. Funding for these interns will be provided by the Agricultural Research Stations and will include funds for hourly wages (up to \$7480 {11weeks*\$17/hour*40 hours per week}), reimbursement for one (1) internship credit with UW Madison, and a \$500 supply stipend to assist with the research project. Students selected for this opportunity must be undergraduates currently enrolled at UW Madison. Preference will be given to those students seeking a degree that is granted from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

Funding is intended to support an undergraduate student full-time for the summer with about half of the time spent on an individual research project in conjunction with a CALS faculty member and the other half spent on a variety of station/unit activities under the direction of an ARS Unit Manager. Some stations may be able to provide housing options. **At the conclusion of the summer, the student will be asked to provide a brief presentation about their research work during the summer. Final arrangements for this requirement will be mutually agreed upon during the summer internship.**

Applications for the summer 2026 internship opportunity should be submitted electronically with all required signatures to the arsinternships@cals.wisc.edu mailbox. Applications should not be submitted via RAMP. Applications where a student is already identified will receive greater consideration. Applications will be accepted until Friday, February 27, 2026, with announcements made in early March.

Please direct all questions regarding the program to Mike Peters, Director, Agricultural Research Stations--peters2@wisc.edu or 608-212-9458