

## DNA Genetics Nucleus Internship

### About

At Pillen Family Farms/DNA Genetics we're always looking for great people to join our dynamic team – and that includes internship positions! We're a family-owned, family-focused business that takes great care in everything we do, from raising highly productive pigs to fostering team member development.

We specialize in all aspects of producing quality pork for the world's table which includes our genetic program (DNA Genetics), commercial production (Pillen Family Farms) all the way through final processing (Wholstone Foods).

Our internship program provides an in-depth, immersive experience into all areas of our business, from pig care to promoting our genetic program to customers. Each internship is well crafted to provide students of all majors and career goals with quality professional experiences.

### Timeline

Summer Internships and Winter Break/Mid-Term Internships available (flexible upon academic schedule)

### Duties & Responsibilities

Interns will obtain a working knowledge of the following:

#### DNA Gene Transfer Station

- Boar isolation management and training
- Boar feeding program and boar weight management
- Boar system collection and customer semen management
- Analysis and extending boar semen for both nucleus and commercial use
- Operation of common semen analysis software and packaging systems including Sperm Vision, Prism & SPS

#### DNA Reproduction

- Body condition scoring, heat detection, post cervical artificial insemination and pregnancy checks
- Farrowing & first 48-hour piglet care
  - Sow treatments, cross fostering, vaccination, processing, boar selection
- Data management & recoding of all genetics trails

#### Nursery/Finish Production

- Weaned piglet observation and proper feed, water and air programs
- Ventilation including proper zone heating, ventilation system controls, and air inlet management
- Principles of pig movements including animal handling and sorting by standards of genetic program
- Genetic performance testing procedures
- Selection for nucleus and customer animals

### Qualifications

Any student pursuing a two or four-year animal science (or related) degree who meets the following qualifications:

- 2.8 GPA or above
- Passionate about teamwork, accountability and has the desire to learn and understand the company's operation system
- Team player and ability to work with others

### Benefits

- Paid internship
- Housing
- Mileage reimbursement available
- Weekly opportunity to engage with all leadership
- Experiences with other interns
- Social events

### Application Process

Visit [pillenfamilyfarms.com/internships](http://pillenfamilyfarms.com/internships) to apply!

