

**Job Title:** Summer Research Assistant

**Location:** Penn State's Southeast Agricultural Research & Extension Center, 1446 Auction Rd., Manheim, PA

**Job Type:** Seasonal/Temporary

**Full or Part Time:** Full Time

**Job Description and Requirements:** Assist with ornamental, vegetable and agronomic crop research and production at the Southeast Agricultural Research & Extension Center in Manheim, PA. Activities may include, but are not limited to, planting, harvesting, field and site maintenance, data collection and entry. Intern will also provide assistance during field days and other events at the Center. Intern will gain exposure to multiple aspects of agricultural production as well as research in the fields of entomology, plant pathology, ecology and others.

There are no specific requirements for this job other than the willingness to work hard outside despite the weather. At the research farm, many different disciplines intersect (biology, education, sociology, engineering, etc.), so those that intern are exposed to many facets of research, and it is not a liability to come from a non-farming background. Everyone does their share of manual work like mowing, weeding, etc, but also has responsibilities for specific projects depending on which researcher they end up working for. On the whole we do not expect interns to come in with much prior knowledge. Starting date is as early as possible following the end of your spring semester (usually around May 7<sup>th</sup>), and end date would be just prior to start of fall semester 2012 (variable based on your college). Pay is dependent upon whether an individual has worked here or elsewhere as a research assistant previously, and usually starts at \$10/hr, 40 hours per week (7am-3:30pm). There is one Saturday obligation, July 28, when we host a large consumer field day. The intern assigned to Floriculture may be asked to water on weekends occasionally.

**Application Deadline:** March 10, 2012

**Application Instructions:** Please send cover letter **and** resume to Dr. Alyssa Collins at [collins@psu.edu](mailto:collins@psu.edu).

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