



ITLUS / Rosenbohm US Farm Internship



This farm internship aims to provide international farming experience to a person involved in agriculture in Ireland. The award will provide one season of work experience and accommodation on a large US farm located in northwest Missouri. The winner will be hosted by the Rosenbohm family who will provide practical experience in the production, husbandry and marketing of corn and soya beans, as well as in the processing of soya bean seed.

What experience will the winner get

The Rosenbohms run a large maize and soya bean family farm business and winner will experience a full season of crop production -- establishment, growth, fertilisation, crop protection, harvesting and marketing. This farm also assembles soya bean, both GM and non-GM, for third parties. So the recipient will get experience in the growing, harvesting, storage and processing of these crops.

Where appropriate, the recipient will be expected to operate some of the farm machinery involved in crop management and to work the hours required to get the work done.

The host farm family will provide accommodation during the internship. In general the winner will be expected to provide his/her own food but some meals may be provided during busy times.

Any remuneration will be based on the initial experience of the recipient and the attitude, aptitude and professionalism displayed sown during the stay. The host will make every effort to ensure that the recipient receives a very diverse work experience and has an enjoyable stay in the US.

The award winner is expected to work with management, family and other employees at different times and so must be prepared to work the long hours required during the busy spring planting and fall harvesting periods.

Selection committee

ITLUS President

Andy Doyle, Irish Farmers Journal

ITLUS Council member

UAS Representative

Industry representative

Previous recipient

Application

Completed forms for the 2017 award should be **returned by Wednesday 18 January** 2017 to:

ITLUS Secretary, c/o Dick Fitzgerald, Loughane, Ladysbridge, Co. Cork.

Application and selection process

The 2017 application form is available on the ITLUS (www.ITLUS.ie) and UAS (www.ulsterarablesociety.org) websites. An initial screening of applications will be done by the selection committee. This committee may select a shortlist of qualifying candidates to be called for interview towards the end of January.

The interview process will assess the suitability of applicants to be an ambassador for ITLUS/UAS, Irish farming and Ireland. It will also focus on the competency of applicants with regard to machine operation, crop husbandry, crop management, communication skills, self-sufficiency etc. The ability of the applicant to slot into the work programme and ethos of the host family must also be assessed.

Where the suitability of a potential winner is uncertain, it will be necessary to consult with the host family. The committee may also consult with reference providers.

Terms and Conditions

- This farm internship is open to residents of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, aged 20 years or over on 1 January 2017.
- Applicants must be a member of either the Irish Tillage and Land Use Society (ITLUS) or the Ulster Arable Society (UAS). The award is not transferable to a third party.
- The winner will be notified as soon as possible after 1 February 2017. If there is no response from the winner within one week of contact being made, the winner will forfeit his/her rights to the next in line of the chosen finalists (and so on until a winner has been contacted).
- By submitting an application, the applicant is agreeing to be bound by the terms and conditions.
- A full current driving license is required.
- Have a good knowledge of modern farm machinery.
- An applicant must have, or be in the process of acquiring, a qualification in agriculture.
- Have agricultural work references.
- Be sociable and willing to interact with other people.
- Be willing to provide a synopsis of experiences gained and their potential benefits.
- The winner must be able to successfully obtain a J1 visa to work in the US.
- The decision of the judging committee will be final.
- The Irish Tillage and Land Use Society (ITLUS) and the Ulster Arable Society reserve the right to cancel or amend the farm internship without notice, and for any reason whatsoever.
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The award winner

The internship award is to provide an opportunity for an Irish person to experience US farming by working on a farm in Missouri. The winner must be in a position to spend the full season (approximately 8 to 9 months) in the Midwest.

The winner will learn about crop husbandry and encounter the challenges of a farming business in the US. There will also be experience in seed processing and grain marketing.

It is hoped that the winner will remain involved in the Irish tillage sector and that the experiences gained may be used to help inform others over time. The winner is expected to provide occasional reports of his/her experiences during the year and present a report at a future ITLUS conference.



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APPLICATION FORM 2017**



Name:

Address:

Phone numbers:

E-mail address:

Date of birth:

Agricultural qualifications:

Farming experience:

Other qualifications:

Skills with machinery:

Plant husbandry skills:

Hobbies:

Full driver's license: YES NO

What countries have you visited previously?

What makes you the ideal candidate for this internship (max 200 words)?

How do you hope to benefit from this experience (max 200 words)?

What might American growers learn from the Irish Tillage sector (max 200 words)?

Computer skills?

Public speaking skills?

Signed:

Date:
