

ITLUS / UAS / 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 up to 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 the recipient with practical experience in the production, husbandry and marketing of corn and soya beans, as well as in the processing of soya bean seed.

Who can apply?

Applicants must be at least 20 years of age to apply, be resident on the island of Ireland and be a member of either the Irish Tillage and Land Use Society (ITLUS) or the Ulster Arable Society (UAS). A farming background is not essential.

What experience will the winner get

This is a large maize and soya bean farming business. The intention is that the recipient should experience up to a full season of crop production -- establishment, growth, harvesting and marketing. This farm is also a big soya bean seed producer and processor, both GM and non-GM.

The host farm family will provide accommodation for the award winner during the internship. The recipient must be able to fend for him/herself and is expected to gain knowledge of crop management. The host will make every effort to ensure that the intern receives a very diverse work experience and has an enjoyable stay in the US.

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

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 2020.
- Applicants must be a member of either the Irish Tillage and Land Use Society (ITLUS) or the Ulster Arable Society (UAS).
- The winner must be in a position to confirm their identity, eligibility and willingness to travel.
- The farm internship award is not transferable to a third party.

- The winner will be notified as soon as possible after 1 February 2020. If there is no response from the winner within one week of contact being made, the winner will forfeit his/her rights to award 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 indicating his/her agreement to be bound by the terms and conditions of the farm internship programme.
- Completed entry forms must be posted to: ITLUS Secretary, C/O Eugene Ryan, Ballycarroll House, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.
- The closing date for receipt of entries to the competition is 5.30pm on Friday, 24 January 2020.
- 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.

Requirements

It is also important that applicants have:

- A current full driving license.
- A working knowledge of modern farm machinery.
- A qualification in agriculture or be in the process of acquiring such a qualification.
- Work references.
- A sociable disposition with a willingness to interact with people.
- A willingness to provide a synopsis of the experiences gained.
- No known obstacle to acquiring a visa to the US.

Application and selection process

The 2020 application form is available on the ITLUS (www.ITLUS.ie) and UAS (www.ulsterarablesociety.org) websites. This must be completed and returned to the ITLUS secretary by 24 January 2020. Follow-up interviews will take place in the weeks following.

An initial screening of applications will take place by a selected committee based on the qualifying criteria. This committee may select a shortlist of the qualifying candidates to be called for interview.

The interview process will question the capabilities of the applicants and their suitability as an ambassador for ITLUS/UAS, Irish farming and Ireland. It will also focus on the competency of the applicant with regard to the processes involved in crop husbandry, crop management, communication skills, self sufficiency etc. The interview will also seek to assess the ability of the applicant to slot into the work programme and ethos of the host family.

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

While it is the intention of ITLUS/UAS to make an award on an annual basis, this might not be possible every year if a suitable candidate is not found or if it does not suit the host farmer.

Selection committee

ITLUS President

Irish Farmers Journal

UAS Representative

ITLUS Council member

Industry representative

ITLUS member / Previous recipient

The award winner

The purpose of this award is to provide an opportunity to an Irish person to experience US farming while working on a large US crop farm. The potential recipient must be in a position to spend at least part of a season (9 months maximum) in the Midwest of the US for the agreed duration of the internship.

The winner will get the opportunity to learn about the production of maize and soya beans and to encounter the business challenges of farming in the US. The winner will also gain experiences in the processing of seed crops and in the marketing of grains. Access to other areas of expertise may also be possible depending on requirements of the intern. .

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

Application

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APPLICATION FORM**



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Skills with machinery:

Name:

Address:

Phone numbers:

E-mail address:

Date of birth:

Agricultural qualifications:

Plant husbandry skills:

Farming experience:

Hobbies:

Driver's license: YES NO

Other qualifications:

Have you experienced agriculture in other
countries?

What makes you the ideal candidate for this internship (max 250 words)?

What do you think American growers can learn from the Irish Tillage sector (max 250 words)?

How do you hope to benefit from this experience (max 250 words)?

Computer skills?

Public speaking skills?

Signed:

Date: