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Dear Applicant,

Livestock Veterinary Services has a long history of providing quality educational experience to veterinary student externs through a combination of clinical work and research experience. It is our goal to supplement the education you receive throughout veterinary school with an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in individual animal and herd health care, as well as learn about veterinary business and employee management.

During your time at Livestock Veterinary Services, you will have an opportunity to participate in herd health visits of swine and beef cattle herds throughout eastern North Carolina. As appropriate, you will be expected to be an active participant in the discussion and implementation of veterinary activities as a part of your learning experience. These activities may include procedures with which you have little experience or familiarity, but that is one of the goals of any externship program. Depending on case load and presentation, multiple opportunities may arise for you to take an active role in case investigations and reports to farm owners and staff. At various times, you may be asked to observe and participate in the activities of Five Oaks Animal Hospital, our small animal veterinary clinic located adjacent to Livestock Veterinary Services.

Summer student externs who have extended availability may be asked to participate in summer research projects or develop intensified management programs to aid in improving animal health, well-being and production. Students in the program should be well-motivated, able to work independently, but should also be open to mentorship and suggestions from other veterinarians and staff members. Often, these projects culminate with a presentation to a group of peers regarding the outcome of interest or cases studied.

At all times, we strive to provide an experience that is both educational and enjoyable. We feel it is best accomplished through immersing the individual student with in the daily activities of the clinic, but also encouraging their own development and thinking processes. This program is not intended to be a ride-along, but rather one where the future veterinarian can work with others in the field, gaining valuable experience. We also intend this experience to be one where the veterinarians benefit from the interaction and discussion with students.

If you are interested in applying for the Livestock Veterinary Services student externship program, please send an email to Dr. Harrison Dudley and include a resume and completed Student Extern Application form. Additionally, please complete all attached questionnaire and fax or email to Livestock Veterinary Services. We try our best to accommodate all interested students but may be limited at times due to the number of students during a particular period of veterinarians available due to clinical schedules.

Thank you for your interest in the program.

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