



Position Notice: CERSA Intern

The position will report directly to the MuF Director of Operations. This position will be an integral part of the MuF team supporting the information system and the preparation for the Global Minor Use Summit in late 2023.

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- Facilitate global priority setting for pesticide research for minor uses
- Coordinate residue studies and existing data in order to obtain CODEX MRLs and maximize the impact of resources
- Enhance regulatory and research capacity in developing countries and ensure pesticides are used safely around the world
- Support regional regulatory expert working groups and collaborate to address issues of regional importance

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Duties of this position include, but are not limited to:

Operational support to MuF (40%)

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Support Foundation staff organizing and planning the global minor use summit to be held in late 2023 (40%)

- Prepare and plan communication for to solicit publicity, attendees, and sponsor. Organize and reach out to potential attendees. Facilitate promoting, registering, logistics for the Summit including communications with donors, sponsors, and participants.

Assist in the implementation of the MuF Communications strategy (30%)

- Support the MuF as it expands its reach and network by developing infographics, pamphlets, and informational material about the Foundation. Manage the Foundation's social media presence.

Qualifications, Desired Skills, Characteristics, and Competencies

- Progress toward earned degree (science, agriculture, or related field).

- Experience and understanding of agricultural science, technology, product development and relevant technical disciplines.
- A keen interest and ability in communicating scientific information and ability to work harmoniously and effectively with a wide range of people and organizations.
- Strong language skills and bilingual in Spanish or French and English preferred.
- International experience is an advantage
- Organization, social media/web design, communication experience would be advantageous

Compensation

This is a remote position and a successful candidate will be selected and compensated by CERSA.

MUF contacts

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CERSA Internship Program Brief 2024

Time of Program:

flexible start (could be paid by MUF during spring semester, optional)- late August 2024

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Location:

Remote

Travel:

None

Brief Description of Company/Agency:

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Outcomes from this Opportunity will include:

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