

MSU ORGANIC PEST MANAGEMENT LAB

SUMMER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE IN ORGANIC PEST MANAGEMENT

Are you:

A currently enrolled undergraduate student?

Interested in Organic Agriculture?

Looking for research experience?

The MSU Organic Pest Management Lab has vacancies for several undergraduate research assistant positions. This is an excellent opportunity for science and agriculture majors to develop research experience. Ideal applicants will be students with experience and/or interest in the life sciences and organic/sustainable/bio-intensive agriculture. Student assistants will be involved in research projects taking an ecological approach towards the management of insect, weed, and pathogen pests. Initial studies include a project using field video recordings and laboratory experiments to investigate moth behavior in mating disruptions systems, as well as the measurement of the impact of hogs on weed, insect, and pathogen pests in organic apples. Additional new and ongoing projects will occur throughout the field season. Positions require work in agricultural fields and greenhouses to collect data as well as various laboratory tasks. Applicants should be willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions. Applicants should be reliable and capable of working flexible hours with varying levels of supervision. A valid driver's license and good driving record is required. A University vehicle will be provided for travel. Regular traveling around the lower-peninsula will be required although applicants should live in the East Lansing area. Wages start at \$9.50/hr. with raises based on performance and experience. Potential applicants should email application materials including a cover letter and resume to Dr. Matt Grieshop (grieshop@msu.edu) with "Research Assistant 2010" in the subject-line. Application deadline is Monday April 16, 2010.

Positions: 1 positions Full time, 40 hours/week, 80% outdoors 20% indoors.
 1 position Part time, 20-30 hours/week, 20% outdoors 80% indoors

Pay rate: \$ 9.50/hour to start
Start date: Flexible, early May
End date: Start of the fall term, or later in part-time capacity