Internship Opportunity with Ceres Hops and Grains, LLC

Job Description:
Ceres Hop and Grains LLC is a new hops enterprise with 15 acres of Cascade, Centennial, and Nugget to be planted in the spring. The field is located outside the town of Berrien Springs in Southwest Michigan. Plans are being developed to expand our acreage in the surrounding area. We are seeking two ambitious interns interested in the burgeoning industry of hops production for a unique opportunity to garner experience heavily focused on site establishment and hopyard management in the first year. Students will also have ample opportunity to network with industry members in the Midwest. Candidates may expect to receive training and gain a comprehensive hands-on experience in the following areas:

- Site Establishment: trellis construction and maintenance, soil amendments, irrigation installation and management.
- Canopy Management: planting, stringing, training, stripping, etc.
- Floor Management: cover crop implementation, mulching, cultivation
- Pest Management: Developing IPM models and procedures
- Fertility Management: product selection, rates, timings, tissue and soil sample analysis
- Equipment and machinery

Students will be given flexibility to develop and execute a project in cooperation with the hopyard manager on an aspect catered to their interests.

Terms of Internship:
- Length: Approximately June to end of August. Student should plan to arrive and be ready to participate on the Monday of the first week of June. Students are welcome to begin earlier. End date is flexible based on when studies resume.
- Accommodations: Housing will be provided at a residence located in Granger, IN. The field is located about 30 miles north from this location. Alternative housing arrangement at student’s expense is acceptable. It is highly recommended that the student have their own vehicle. There will be opportunities to carpool.
- Compensation: $11/hour plus housing
- Expectations: An ideal candidate will be a current sophomore, junior, or senior majoring in plant science, viticulture and enology, agricultural science, or related field. Some business coursework is a plus. Prior industry experience in horticultural production is recommended. Strong communication skills, work ethic, willingness to learn, and a positive attitude are a must.

If interested, please email a resume and brief cover letter in PDF format to mgura@cerespartners.com