

Summer Internship with the Montana Foundation Seed Program



The Montana State University, [Foundation Seed Program](#), in cooperation with USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, is offering a summer internship / field worker position at the [Bridger Plant Materials Center \(BPMC\)](#) located in Bridger, Montana. The Bridger Plant Materials Center is a 150-acre research and production facility located in south-central Montana. The BPMC is one of 25 centers nationwide that uses plants to help enhance natural resource management on private lands, such as rangeland health improvement, mined land reclamation, riparian habitat restoration, pollinator and wildlife habitat enhancement, soil erosion reduction, windbreak and shelterbelt development, soil health improvement, and more.

Duties will expose the Intern to the science of seed production, hands-on farm experience, and research design and sampling. The Intern will be involved in watering and fertilizing plants, harvesting seed crops, assisting BPMC staff with installing, sampling, measuring, and evaluating research plots, hand-roguing of weeds from seed production fields, moving and setting irrigation pipes, and participating in an independent project. Most job duties are outside in the seed production fields. The position requires exposure to weather elements - sun, heat, dust, uneven terrain, and rain - and the ability to lift objects up to 40 pounds. Room and board is not provided and is the responsibility of the incumbent. A valid driver's license and transportation to and from work is required. Any college student may apply, but preference is given to Montana State University students, and students majoring in a plant sciences field. Self-motivated, detail oriented, and experience using farm equipment preferred.

Salary will be \$12.50 per hour. Work hours are 8 hours per day, Monday through Friday. The Internship is for 13 weeks (520 hours), approximately May 15 – Aug 11.

To apply: email resume, list of relevant coursework, two references, and letter of application to monica.pokorny@mt.usda.gov. Include "Application for MT Foundation Seed Internship" in the subject line. Include in the cover letter: your interest in the position, the date you can begin, any dates over the course of the summer you cannot work, and your employment end date.