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Applications are now being accepted for the Vita Plus Dairy Nutrition and Management Fellowship.

As the dairies in our market area get more sophisticated, the skills to service their needs as a nutritional consultant increase as well. Our field nutritionists are highly skilled and technologically savvy – built greatly on experience. The challenge for a new college graduate to step into the role of dairy nutritionist and farm consultant is substantial. Many graduates welcome additional training after completing a bachelor's degree to prepare them for future employment in this dairy consulting role. However, the only graduate funds available within a university system are in support of a focused research program.

Vita Plus is dedicated to helping students prepare for a career in dairy consulting. By working cooperatively with the Department of Dairy Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, we can offer a balance of classroom instruction, practical dairy research experience and additional training in an employee-owned feed company. Students selected for this fellowship work side-by-side with both the scientists and instructors at the prestigious University of Wisconsin, but also with the dairy nutritionists at Vita Plus. The student has a college advisor as well as an advisor/mentor at Vita Plus. As a result, the student can not only learn in the classroom and laboratory, but also apply that knowledge in real-life situations on the farm, working with Vita Plus staff. This is a unique opportunity to prepare for a career in dairy consulting.

The details are on the attachment, but, in summary, we award a fellowship every two years. We are now recruiting for our sixth student in this program to start in the fall of 2019. The student will attend classes at UW-Madison for three semesters and gain industry experience with Vita Plus on approximately a 35% full-time equivalency basis during the 18-month period. The student will be involved in a dairy science research project.

Applications must be submitted before February 1, 2019. The selection will be made shortly thereafter.

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Vita Plus Dairy Nutrition and Management Fellowship

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Dairy Science

This unique opportunity offers a progressive-minded student interested in a career in dairy nutrition and management consulting an advanced degree path with structured on-farm, office, research, field, feed facility and production experience. The fellowship is funded and directed by Vita Plus.

Fellowship details

- Requirements:** Student is expected to complete an M.S. degree through the Dairy Science Department of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Must have a B.S. in related field from an accredited university.
- Duration:** Starts in fall of 2019 and completes after fall semester in 2020 or early 2021. This amounts to an average of eight credits per semester.
- Tuition:** Vita Plus will pay all Wisconsin resident tuition expenses (estimated at \$6,000 per semester).
- Industry Experience:** Student will be considered a trainee by Vita Plus and work with our staff at approximately a 35% full-time equivalency basis. Vita Plus agrees to pay the student \$1,750 per month during the fellowship period. Employee benefits are not included.
- Training:** Fellowship includes a comprehensive overview of the management of today's dairy operations, feed production and the role nutritionist can play on those operations. Training modules will include experience on dairies, dairy science research project, production facility experience, and training with field and technical staff.

Application Deadline: February 1, 2019

To Apply: Submit transcripts and resume. Include two letters of reference and a cover letter addressing your qualifications, your interest in a career as a nutritionist, and why you are excited about tomorrow's dairy industry and production agriculture.

Submit to: Rod Martin at rmartin@vitaplus.com or via the mail to Vita Plus Corporation, PO Box 259126, Madison, WI 53725-9126

Vita Plus Corporation is an employee-owned company headquartered in Madison, Wisconsin. Vita Plus has been serving livestock producers since 1948. More than just a feed supplier, Vita Plus consultants offer the latest cutting-edge technology, nutrition and management information. For more information about the organization, call 1-800-362-8334 or go online at www.vitaplus.com.