



Graduate Position in Meat Science

Description: A graduate research assistantship (MS or PhD) is available in the Department of Animal Sciences at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln under the supervision of Dr. Jordan Wicks. Candidates interested in applied meat science, Extension programming, and meat processing production are encouraged to apply. The start date for the assistantship will be Spring or Fall of 2024.

Project: The selected student will have the opportunity to be part of a USDA NIFA workforce development grant which would include the development and teaching of meat industry curricular to train interested participants wishing to obtain a career in meat fabrication and processing. The selected student will gain experience working with small and large processors across the state of Nebraska in the development of educational programs to develop skilled workers for their operations. The successful candidate will gain experience in teaching and Extension programming while conducting beef quality research to fulfill their degree requirements.

Required Qualifications:

- Strong work ethic
- Interest in applied meat science, and Extension programming
- Degree in animal science, meat science, food science or related field
- Strong written, oral, and organizational skills
- Ability to work independently and collectively as part of an interdisciplinary team
- A valid driver's license
- Work in cold environments and lift up to 50 lbs.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Strong academic record
- Enthusiasm
- Prior experience in meat processing production, meat judging and/or meat science related research

To Apply: Interested candidates should email the following material to Dr. Jordan Wicks jwicks4@unl.edu

1. A cover letter describing your background, qualifications, research interests, and available start date
2. A resume or curriculum vitae (CV)
3. Unofficial university transcripts
4. Contact information for two professional references

For more information about this opportunity, please contact:

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