

## Science With Practice student employment opportunity

### Spring semester 2024

Communications assistant with Sherry Hoyer,  
Iowa Pork Industry Center office, 109 Kildee

#### → Professional

- Experience in communication activities (oral, print, broadcast, online, video, etc.) Specific software experience is not required; however, some familiarity with word processing, spreadsheet and web programs is desirable.
- Knowledge of and experience with social media and branding/PR methods.
- Basic knowledge of animal agriculture, especially pork/swine production, and a basic understanding and appreciation of the importance of pork production in Iowa.
- Interest in learning about AI as a potential communications tool.

#### → Personal

- Good interpersonal skills (communication, tact, respect, trustworthiness, etc.)
- Willingness to learn, practice and demonstrate skills with internal and external colleagues.
- Interest in pork- and swine-related research being done at Iowa State.
- You are expected to be punctual, professional, and responsible while part of the Science with Practice program.

#### **This position will focus on the following activities:**

- Outreach and educational efforts led by IPIC, including the SowBridge educational series.
- Use of existing and new technologies for information dissemination and distribution, including AI investigation and trials for potential use.
- Creating, editing, planning and/or assisting with news releases, materials, and social media planning and posts.

Occasionally there may be some work not specifically related to IPIC.

**Note:** While no specific ISU major, age or education level is required, Science with Practice students must be enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and will register for **Agricultural Education and Studies 312** after being accepted into the program.

**Time commitment:** Generally, IPIC SWP students work 9 to 12 hours weekly.

**Employment period:** Spring semester 2024. Interviews may be required, depending on number of interested students. **Definite consideration date: January 19, 2024.**

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