PhD STUDENT
ASSISTANTSHIP - Ethology

The Prairie Swine Centre, a non-profit corporation affiliated with the University of Saskatchewan and located near Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, has an opening for graduate studies in swine ethology (behaviour) at the PhD. level. This project will explore the effects of transportation on weaned piglets.

Successful applicants will have a DVM or MSc degree in animal science or a related discipline. Students will be enrolled in the College of Graduate Studies and Research at the University of Saskatchewan, or alternatively may conduct studies at the University of Guelph with supervision by faculty in the Department of Animal Biosciences or the Ontario Veterinary College. The successful applicant will have strong organizational, communication and interpersonal skills, and be able to lead data collection and contribute effectively as a member of the research team. Competitive financial assistance is available in the form of a stipend (Graduate Research Assistantship).

The Prairie Swine Centre represents a unique approach to research and technology transfer, maintaining a strong focus on applied research related to the pork industry, while emphasising academic quality. Active in research, education and technology transfer, the Centre operates a 350 sow farrow-to-finish commercial research herd with extensive surgery, metabolism and intensive research facilities (see www.prairieswine.com for more information). The Ethology research team is part of a broader research program at the Centre that includes research in swine nutrition and engineering.

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