

**ROSENBHOM SCHOLARSHIP**

**Supported by the Irish Tillage and Land Use Society and Ulster Arable Society in conjunction with the Irish Farmers Journal**

**Introduction to the Rosenbohm scholarship**

This farm internship aims to provide international farming experience to a person involved in agriculture in Ireland. The award will provide up to one season of work experience and accommodation on a large US farm located in northwest Missouri. The successful applicant will be hosted by the Rosenbohm family who will provide the recipient with practical experience in the production, husbandry and marketing of corn and soyabeans, as well as in the processing of soyabean seed.

***Who can apply?***

In order to apply applicants must:

* Be at least 20 years of age on 1 January 2025 to apply for this internship.
* Be resident on the island of Ireland.
* Be a member the Irish Tillage and Land Use Society (ITLUS) or the Ulster Arable Society (UAS).
* Be available to travel to and stay on the farm in Missouri between the period from 1 September 2025 to 1 December 2025.
* Be able to successfully obtain a visa to work in the US.
* Hold a current full, clean, driving licence.
* Have a knowledge of working modern farm machinery.
* Have, or be in the process of acquiring, a qualification in agriculture.
* Have agricultural work references.
* Have a social disposition with a willingness to interact with people.

The successful applicant will be expected to participate in some podcasts and contribute to short articles for the Irish Farmers Journal to share their experience, and to present at future ITLUS and/or UAS events.

***What experience will the successful applicant get?***

This is a large maize and soyabean farming business and the intention is for the recipient to experience up to a full season of crop production — establishment, growth, harvesting and marketing. This farm is also a big soyabean seed assembler, both GM and non-GM. The successful applicant will gain experience in the growing, harvesting, storage and processing of these crops. They will also receive experience in the areas of leadership, public policy, management, economics, commodity organizations, community involvement, and potentially other areas of interest to the applicant while in Missouri.

The Rosenbhoms will provide a house for the duration of the internship. In addition, the successful applicant will have the use of a truck while working, and a stipend for some expenses incurred. Meals will be provided when working. ITLUS/UAS and the Irish Farmers Journal will provide a monetary award that can be put towards the cost of flights and additional out of pocket expenses.

The intern will be expected to gain knowledge of crop management. The host will make every effort to ensure that the intern receives a very diverse work experience and has an enjoyable stay in the US.

The successful applicant is expected to work along with management, family and other employees at different times and so must be prepared to work long hours during busy periods.

***Application and selection process***

*Applications*

The 2025 application form is available below and on the ITLUS website [www.itlus.ie/itlusrosenbohm-scholarship](http://www.itlus.ie/itlusrosenbohm-scholarship). The form must be completed and returned to the ITLUS secretary by 31 January 2025.

An initial screening of applications will take place by a selected committee based on the qualifying criteria. This committee may select a shortlist of the qualifying candidates to be called for interview. Those interviews will be held during late February/early March 2025.

The interview process will question the capabilities of the applicants and their suitability as an ambassador for ITLUS/UAS, Irish farming and Ireland. It will also focus on the competency of the applicant with regard to the processes involved in crop husbandry, crop management, communication skills, self-sufficiency etc. The interview will also seek to assess the ability of the applicant to fit into the work programme and ethos of the host family.

Where the suitability of an applicant is uncertain, it will be necessary to consult with the host farmer to further assess suitability. The committee may also consult with reference providers.

*Selection committee*

The selection committee will be drawn from all or a number of the following:

* ITLUS President
* Irish Farmers Journal
* UAS Representative
* ITLUS Council member
* Industry representative
* ITLUS member/previous recipient

***Terms and Conditions***

In addition to the conditions for application set out in the “who can apply” section above applicants should note the following:

* The successful applicant must be in a position to confirm their identity and eligibility. Failure to do so will disqualify them from the farm internship.
* The farm internship award is not transferable to a third party.
* The successful applicant will be notified as soon as possible after interviews take place. If there is no response from the successful applicant within one week of contact being made, the successful applicant will forfeit his/her rights to the next in line of the chosen finalists (and so on until a successful applicant has been contacted).
* By submitting an application, the applicant is indicating his/her agreement to be bound by parameters set out in the “who can apply” section above, and the terms and conditions of the farm internship programme.
* The successful applicant will be expected to act to the highest standards when on placement and not act in any way as to bring the reputation of ITLUS, the UAS or the Irish Farmers Journal into disrepute.
* Completed entry forms must be posted to: ITLUS Secretary, C/O Sinéad Ryan, Ballycarroll House, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, R32T884 or emailed to itlussec50@gmail.com.
* The closing date for receipt of entries to the competition is 5.30pm on Friday, 31 January 2025.
* The decision of the selection committee will be final.
* ITLUS, the UAS and the Irish Farmers Journal reserve the right to cancel or amend the farm internship without notice, and for any reason whatsoever.

 

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**Application Form (deadline 31 January 2025)**

***Please type your responses and note the word limits where relevant***

**Section 1: Personal details**

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| **Name:** |  |
| **Address:** |  |
| **Mobile number:** |  |
| **Email address:** |  |
| **Date of birth:** |  |

**Section 2: Farming experience and qualifications**

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| **Agricultural qualifications:** |  |
| **Farming experience:*****Please briefly outline your practical farming experience to date, including details of the following:**** ***Plant husbandry skills/experience***
* ***Animal husbandry skills/ experience***
* ***Experience in use of farm machinery***
* ***Other relevant farming skills and experience***

***(maximum 300 words)*** |  |

**Section 3: Other skills, experience and hobbies**

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| **Do you hold a full, clean driving licence?** |  |
| **Have you experienced/worked in agriculture outside of Ireland? If yes, please provide details.*****(maximum 100 words)*** |  |
| **Please outline your computer skills including details of using agriculture related software/programmes.*****(maximum 100 words)*** |  |
| **Do you have experience of public speaking? If yes, please provide brief details.*****(Maximum 100 words)*** |  |
| **Please outline your hobbies/other interests.*****(Maximum 75 words)*** |  |

**Section 4: Other information**

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| **What, in your view, could tillage farmers in America learn from Irish farmers, and why?*****(maximum 200 words)*** |  |
| **Please outline why you believe you are the ideal candidate for this internship.*****(Maximum 300 words)*** |  |
| **How do you hope to benefit from this experience?*****(maximum 200 words)*** |  |

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| **Referees:*****(please insert the name and contact details for two referees)*** |  |

**DECLARATION**

**I confirm that the details contained in this form are accurate and complete and that I meet the terms and conditions set out to apply for the scholarship.**

**Signature: ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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