

TO: NDSU Undergraduate and MS Students in AgEcon/AgBus
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ref. *Job shadow* opportunities

Because of the growth in job opportunities in commodity trading, a number of very large companies want to organize a *Job Shadow* program, in addition to their more traditional intern programs etc. A *Job Shadow* is a 1 day visit by students to the company headquarters. You would be assigned a trader and a schedule and simply spend the day with that person. You would attend daily briefing sessions, meetings as well as observe their work activities. At the end of the day, they would have a group (along with other *Job Shadows*) debriefing session to discuss what you observed, answer questions, etc. These would be organized to occur next fall, early in the semester at a time compatible with interested parties.

Most important, it would give you an opportunity to observe what people in these industries do, their work environment and their day-to-day activities. Past students have found this to be a good opportunity and have benefitted from it immensely.

Ideally, this would be of interest in Juniors and Seniors (Fall 2013) in AgEcon and AgBus, regardless if you have had an internship in commodity trading or grain marketing. Most important would be to have a potential interest in pursuing careers in this area.

We are working with Gaviion and CHS (and potentially others) to identify students who have an interest in participating in a *Job Shadow* program. Our role is simply to promote the program, identify students and assemble a brief statement of their interest. The companies themselves would chose the students and would make arrangements.

If you are interested in this, visit your professor, and/or Dr. Wilson (William.Wilson@ndsu.edu). In addition, fill out the form attached and send to Dr. Wilson by email by September 10. The form is available on your class blackboard or will be emailed to you by your instructor.

**Job Shadow Application for Students Interested in
Commodity/Grain Marketing Careers
Dept of AgBus/AgEcon, NDSU
Fall 2014**

Name:

Address:

Hometown:

Email and Phone:

Year in College (Fall 2014):

Major/Minor/Option:

GPA:

Relevant Internships:

**Brief Statement of Interest in Participating in A Job Shadow
Experience in Commodity/Grain Marketing** (write a 1 page essay
expressing why you have interest in this activity):