Dear Prospective Swine Production Medicine Students:

We are excited about your interest in our swine medicine clinical rotations within the Swine Medicine Education Center at Iowa State University. This experience is one of a kind and enables students to gain valuable knowledge about the swine industry, develop and practice clinical and production management skills, experience swine veterinary practice, and further develop communication skills. We work with AMVC (http://amvcms.com/index.html) in Audubon, IA and a wide variety of industry stakeholders to provide you with a diverse look into the pork industry and the practice of swine medicine.

Courses available include a two week rotation in swine medicine (SMEC480: Swine Production Medicine Clinical Rotation) where students get to practice sample collection techniques and farm evaluation strategies while visiting five commercial farms to perform case investigations. While not on farms, students participate in rounds discussions about student case investigations, pertinent diagnostics and other topics relevant to swine medicine (pharmacology, diagnostic strategies, equipment maintenance, etc.). A similar shorter class (SMEC401: PIGLAB) is also available where students get to practice the diagnostic collection techniques and perform a case investigation on two farms. Both courses are offered to fourth year veterinary students and veterinarians.

Non-Iowa State University students are required to be enrolled in a course for credit at your university such as an independent study or preceptorship if your school doesn’t already have an agreement with Iowa State University. The schedule for the SMEC480 rotation for the upcoming academic year can be found below. If your university schedule does not align with our scheduled rotations, we have other options which are handled on an individual basis. The SMEC is working hard to have sponsors and/or scholarships in place to help reduce or eliminate the $1150 fee for each two week session with Iowa State University. While scheduling courses, please inquire about available funding options.
SMEC480: Swine Production Medicine Clinical Rotation dates:

- February 13 - 26, 2012
- March 26 - April 8, 2012
- May 7 - 18, 2012
- July 16 - 27, 2012
- August 27 - September 7, 2012
- October 8 - 19, 2012
- February 18 - March 1, 2013
- April 1 - 12, 2013

The Swine Medicine Education Center (SMEC) also provides fully furnished apartments at no cost to students while training within the center. Student apartments are equipped with a kitchette, cooking utensils, cable television, wireless internet, air conditioning, onsite washer and drier, and garage spaces. Students staying at the SMEC apartments would be based out of the Audubon, IA location and would participate in rounds with students in Ames, IA either via videoconference or in person.

Please contact Dr. Locke Karriker (SMEC Director) or Dr. Josh Ellingson (Staff Veterinarian) directly for additional information.

Sincerely,
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