



SEVEN OAKS FARMS, LLC

599 Seven Oaks Road, Starkville, MS 39759

662.769.9259 • sevenoaksstables@gmail.com

www.sevenoaksstables.com

Mississippi State University - Undergraduate Equine Internships **6 Unique Opportunities**

Foal Attendant/Mentor Internship Details

The Foal Attendant/Mentor Internship at Seven Oaks Farms, LLC is designed to give participants exposure to the expectant mare, the foaling event and the imprinting and mentoring of the growing foal. This is a position which requires patience and routine, repetitive action (four hours per day/five days per week is preferred). This position requires teamwork, physical strength and stamina (especially during the hot summer and fall), careful attention to detail plus the ability to stay calm under pressure. Applicants for this position **MUST** be coachable and follow the instruction provided.

The **Foal Attendant/Mentor Intern** will be assigned tasks to include, but not limited to the following:

- Caring for the expectant mare
- Monitor and observe the foaling process
- Participate in the imprinting of the foal
- Work with the suckling foal in learning to accept the halter and lead behind “momma” and to accept his/her feet being handled/picked up
- Continue work with the weanling foal to learn basic commands like “walk, whoa, back, park, etc.”
- Continue work with the yearling foal to further groundwork training to include lunging, introducing saddle, bit and long lines
- Be available to hold the foal for farrier
- Be available to observe the dentist for first floats and/or wolf teeth extraction
- Work with other interns as needed
- Other duties as assigned

Desired applicants will have experience or exposure to (or a strong desire to learn about) foaling and mentoring the foal through the suckling, weanling and yearling stages of life. Experience with the TWH is a major plus. Applicant must have a strong desire to learn regardless of their level of experience, because no matter how long or how much exposure one has, something new and/or different may always be learned. Interns are expected to bring their own personal equipment (helmet, boots, clothing, work gloves, insect repellent, sunscreen, water/beverage bottle and snack, etc.). Tack/training tools will be provided for the foal attendant/mentor duties.

Minimum qualifications include:

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must be a self-starter with willingness to learn and possess good communication skills
- Must adapt to practices and follow procedures of Seven Oaks Farms, LLC
- Must be responsible, accountable and focused while working (not on cell phone or otherwise distracted)
- Must be willing to sign confidentiality agreement and liability waiver

Preferred qualifications include:

- Experience in/exposure to caring for the expectant mare
- Experience in/exposure to performing aforementioned duties with the suckling, weanling and/or yearling foals
- Experience in showing a weanling or yearling foal
- Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 pounds

Desired additional qualifications include:

- Experience in foaling-out mares
- Experience in training and showing the TWH foal
- Knowledge of proper trimming of the TWH foal
- Knowledge of working with and/or imprinting foals

NOTE: Currently, photography and videography is allowed but **must be approved** by Seven Oaks Farms, LLC before sharing on social media, using within a resume, project, etc. Failure to abide by this policy will result in the immediate termination of internship and possible legal action for any damages caused to the reputation of Seven Oaks Farms, LLC, its members or its employees.