

2024 - 2025
ANIMAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT
BARN RESIDENCE PROGRAM GUIDELINES
Applications due in by 5 PM, Friday December 15th

Objectives:

The objectives for the Barn Resident Program (work program in lieu of room charge) at the Department's animal facilities are as follows:

1. To have competent student staff present at animal facilities to provide security and perform certain essential tasks with and in the absence of regular employees;
2. To provide students with supplementary educational experiences in the care and management of animals; and
3. To provide financial or other assistance to students.

Criteria for Selection:

Preference for selection to open rooms will be made on the applicant's knowledge, skill and ability relative to the following criteria:

1. Students currently enrolled in academic programs concerned with animals, specifically Animal Science majors, have priority. Students with other animal-oriented majors or appropriate animal experience receive second priority.
2. Students must be available for holidays, weekends and evening work. (Summer work shifts are dependent on facility)
3. Previous experience with the animals housed in the respective barn is desirable.
4. Students must have the ability to lift a bale of hay to accomplish feeding.
5. Students must have a California driver's license.
6. Students must have the ability to handle unauthorized personnel who attempt to enter pens or barns.
7. Students must have the ability and willingness to operate in a relatively isolated facility on evenings and weekends without the presence of regular staff.

NOTE: Although not one of the regular selection criteria, if other factors are equal, students eligible for work study will receive special consideration.

Facilities:

Listed below are the facilities operated by the Animal Science Department where student rooms are located. Please read each description carefully before expressing your preference:

- Dairy Barn: Location: Central Campus.
4 spaces, 2 persons per room.
Shared bathroom for residents only.
- Swine Barn: Location: 1 mile from central campus near University Airport.
4 spaces, 2 rooms. Shared bathroom for residents only.
- Horse Barn: Location: Central Campus.
2 spaces, 1 room. Shared bathroom for residents only.
Residents must work weekend and summer work shifts
- Sheep Barn: Location: 1 mile from Central Campus (C-2 area).
3 spaces, in double and single rooms.
Bathroom shared with staff.
Staff may stay overnight during lambing.
- Beef Barn: Location. 1 mile from Central Campus (C-2 area adjacent to Hwy. 113).
Isolated at the end of .2 mile of dead-end gravel road. No regular patrol
or staff surveillance. 2 spaces, 2 rooms, shared bath. Resident must
work weekends at feedlot 2 miles away and other facilities, if required.
- Feedlot: Location: 1 mile from Central Campus near University Airport.
2 spaces, one small and one medium-size room. Bath shared by both
rooms. Resident must also work weekends at Beef Barn 2 miles away.
- Hopkins Avian Facility: Location: 1 mile from central campus near University Airport. 3 spaces, in
double and single rooms. Bathroom shared with staff.
- Goat Barn: Location: 1 mile from campus off Old Davis Road.
2 spaces, shared bath & toilet facilities. Bathroom shared with staff.
Residents must work weekend and summer work shifts and will have "on-
call" shifts during kidding season

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE APPLICANT

It is important for each applicant to understand the nature of each facility and the work required before applying.

1. Several of the barns listed above have rooms with shared sleeping facilities in these facilities, only members of the same sex will be assigned to the room.
2. Normally, all barns operate without regular staff in the evenings and on weekends. Applicants should be aware of the relative isolation of the various facilities and are encouraged to visit the facility to assess personal comfort with the location and facility. Students are expected to handle unauthorized persons attempting to enter pens or barns.

3. In return for the value of the room, the student is expected to assume appropriate responsibilities and duties concerning the operation of the assigned facility. Students are expected to work at least 10 hours per week. Depending on the facility, these hours may include weekend AND summer work shifts.
4. Residence will be for one year and, upon reapplication, an individual may be appointed for a second year.
5. Those selected for the Barn Residence Program may be removed at any time for any reason at the sole discretion of the Animal Facility Coordinator and/or Facility Supervisor.

GENERAL WORK & HOUSEKEEPING RULES/REQUIREMENTS

1. Each student will receive a job description setting forth assigned duties and responsibilities at the time he/she begins work.
2. Students must turn in accurate and complete bi-weekly time sheets for time worked to the supervisor as required.
3. Phones in the facility may be used for campus calls only. Campus phones may not be used for off campus or long distance calls.
4. Personal mail should be addressed to the student, Animal Science Department, (c/o specific facility), UC Davis, 1 Shields Ave., Davis, CA 95616.
5. Preparation of meals or other cooking is not allowed in the barns/rooms.
6. Laundry facilities at the barns are not to be used for personal laundry.
7. Students are responsible for general housekeeping and are expected to keep living areas clean and free of clutter. Rooms will be inspected for cleanliness on a quarterly basis.
8. For the protection of the health of resident animals, no non-University owned animals will be allowed in the barn residences.
9. Students and guests should conduct themselves in a manner which does not interfere with the work of the unit and is consistent with conduct expected while utilizing a University facility. All department and campus policies and procedures must be followed.

NOTE: A job description for the specific barns being applied for may be provided to the applicant to review at the time of the application. The job description must be provided at the time the student begins work.

**BARN RESIDENCE PROGRAM APPLICATION
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCE**

Date of Application: _____
Name: _____
Current School Address: _____
Current School Phone Number: _____
e-mail address: _____
Summer Address: _____
Summer Phone Number: _____
Major: _____
Current Year in School: _____

Which facility is your primary choice for residence? _____
Are there any other facilities that you would consider (list in order)? _____
Are there any facilities that you would NOT consider? _____
Relationship of interest to academic program: _____

Are you available Fall through Spring quarters? _____
Are you available for the upcoming summer? _____
Explain availability for evening and weekend work: _____

Explain previous experience with animals (livestock and poultry):

Any physical handicaps which prevent lifting of a bale of hay (feed): _____

Possess valid California Driver's License? Yes _____ No _____

Experience dealing with conflict - (removal of unauthorized persons from facility): _____

Eligibility for Student Work Study: _____

I have received and read the Animal Science Department Barn Residence Program Guidelines.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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DISCLOSURE:

Information on this application (including any attachments) will be disclosed to parties (facility managers, supervisor, etc.) directly involved with the selection and hiring of facility residents. Applications should be submitted with the understanding that this information will be released in order for the successful selection of a resident.

**An unofficial current transcript must be included with your application.
Applications will not be considered without it!**