

Graduate Student Assistantships (M.Sc.) Poultry Behaviour and Welfare

Supervisor: Michelle Jendral, Department of Plant and Animal Sciences

Location: Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro, NS

Project: Welfare and Economic Added-Value of Natural and Load-Bearing Movement by Caged Laying hens

The objectives of this research project are to determine the extent to which hen opportunity for expression of natural behaviours and bone loading in furnished cage systems will improve bone health, hen well-being and productivity, throughout the production cycle and at end-of-lay.

Stipend: Subject to funding

Qualifications: Applicants must possess a B.Sc. honours degree in agriculture, animal science, biology, or a related field, must meet the entrance requirements of the M.Sc. program, and have a minimum first class GPA (80%, A- or 3.7) in the last two years of undergraduate study. Keen interest and strong undergraduate background in animal behaviour, welfare, and physiology would be an important asset. Strong written and oral communication skills are essential.

Start Date: September 2010 or January 2011

For additional information on the research project, please contact:

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To Apply:

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