



Growth through Research Opportunities and Work

The more you learn, the more you earn.

Discover your next step at MSU's College of Agriculture.



What is GROW?

GROW is a scholars program at Montana State University that connects high school students with paid research placements, scholarship support, and a community of peers before they ever set foot in a college classroom. It is built for students who are serious about agriculture, life, or environmental sciences and want to hit the ground running.

\$2,000

Incoming scholarship

Over 10

MAES Research Centers
& Teaching Farms

40

Up to 40 Hrs/week
summer work

4

Years of support

What GROW gives you

Real pay. Real work.

Work up to 20 hours per week during the school year and 40 hours per week each summer at one of MSU's ten Montana Agricultural Research Centers and Teaching Farms. You earn a wage while gaining experience most students do not get until after graduation.

Scholarship support.

GROW scholars are eligible for a \$2,000 incoming scholarship to support their first year at MSU's College of Agriculture.

Hands-on research experience.

You will be placed in a real research or work setting within a MAES station, mentored directly by MSU faculty and staff in crop, livestock, or rangeland systems.

What GROW gives you continued...

A cohort that has your back.

GROW students are not on their own. You join a cohort of fellow scholars and participate in orientation, immersion events, and professional development together throughout your college career.

A head start on your career.

By the time you graduate, you will have years of paid agricultural research experience, a professional network, and a clear sense of where you are headed.



How it works

Before you graduate high school

Commit to attending MSU's College of Agriculture and agree to a summer work placement at a MAES center after your senior year.

Summer before freshman year

Complete your MAES center placement — paid, hands-on, and mentored by MSU faculty and staff.

During college

Ability to work up to 20 hours per week, earn your scholarship, and engage with your GROW cohort through workshops and events.

Each summer

Option to return to your MAES center for up to 40 hours per week, deepening your research experience and building your professional reputation.

Who should apply

GROW is built for high school students — primarily from Montana but not limited to it — who:

- Are interested in agriculture, life science, or natural resources
- Want real work experience before — and during — college
- Are considering MSU's College of Agriculture
- Want to be part of a community of students with shared goals
- Are ready to make a commitment and go all in

Ready to learn more?

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