Position Description
We are seeking a motivated and experienced student to investigate insect pollinators and ways of promoting their services in North Dakota. The successful candidate will be part of a highly collaborative team that will attempt to promote pollination through annual flowering forb plantings adjacent to crop lands, particularly plots of edible dry beans. The student will be in charge of collecting data each summer, including pollinator abundance and diversity, visitation rates, pollen composition, and factors associated with dry bean yield quality and quantity. The student will be assisted by numerous faculty with varying expertise so experience in all facets of the research will not be necessary. However, the most competitive applicants will have experience with pollinator research, particularly monitoring and capturing bees. This research will be an important step in better understanding pollination services, particularly in specialty crops that are commonly thought of as self-pollinated and unaffected by native pollinators.

Preferred Qualifications
Candidates must have a bachelor’s degree from an accredited university and a valid driver’s license. The most competitive applicant’s will have multiple years of field experience including previous work with pollinator communities, pollinator handling, and plant species identification. Students will be expected to work well independently and with a team and should have experience using common data management and word processing programs. Evidence of written work may be requested during the interview process.

To apply
Submit one document to torre.hovick@gmail.com that includes: 1) a cover letter discussing your qualifications and future goals, 2) curriculum vitae, 3) transcripts (unofficial), 4) GRE scores (if available) and 5) contact information for three professional references. Review will begin November 1st but the position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

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