

WSU PUYALLUP HIGHLIGHT

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Collaborative Effort Results in New Graduate Research Assistantships for WSU



December brought gifts and presents for many and, in this case, an interdisciplinary effort between CAHNRS and the College of Engineering and Architecture resulted in the creation of a new graduate track for students interested in studying animal livestock air quality. Joe Harrison was part of the team that submitted a grant to the WSU Graduate School in November of 2005. His work at WSU Puyallup is part of a strong team effort in Pullman, working with commercial and other Northwest dairies in the state. One of these assistantships will reside at WSU Puyallup under his direction, continuing to build the depth of programs offered at the center.

The research track will appeal to Ph.D. students in Animal Sciences, Civil and Environmental Engineering, and Biological Systems Engineering who have interest in understanding air quality issues in agricultural systems. This multidisciplinary track will provide graduates with the knowledge necessary to meet current and future air quality challenges facing agriculture. Students in this track will take a set of common courses offered across several university departments, will conduct Ph.D. research projects in agricultural air quality, and will contribute to the education of undergraduate students. The Ph.D. degree will be awarded from the department in which the student is enrolled. Initially, the new assistantships will be used to recruit three new Ph.D. students and to support two students who will have already completed their preliminary exams. Successful completion of this program will make students highly competitive for academic positions in teaching, research, and extension, research positions within private industry or federal laboratories, and among agricultural businesses.

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