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## Ag Students to Learn from Valuable On-Farm Experiences

**February 15, 2018 (Calgary, AB)** – Egg Farmers of Alberta (EFA) is a proud supporter of the Animal Science Mini-Internships Program for students enrolled in the University of Alberta's Faculty of Agricultural, Life & Environmental Sciences (ALES). EFA provided a \$25,000 donation to the university's Work Integrated Learning Opportunity Fund, which will help more students benefit from this tremendous learning experience.

"I see the mini internship program as a key to opening doors for students to a place they may have never seen before, but a place where they may end up spending a career," says Dr. Frank Robinson, Professor of Poultry Production and Physiology at the University of Alberta. "Everybody starts somewhere and this is it for several students each term."

The program runs twice annually, including later this month, matching students with a local farmer for a 3-day workplace visit. The mini-internship is meant to demonstrate how students can apply their animal science education and training in the agriculture industry. The hands-on experience builds awareness of potential career paths, while fostering networking and mentorship opportunities for the students.

"Agriculture is the second largest industry in Alberta," says EFA Chair, Beatrice Visser. "Continued success, growth and innovation in our industry is dependent on having qualified experts throughout the value chain, which highlights the significant benefit of programs like this offering students a real-world opportunity as part of their ag education."

EFA would like to thank ALES for developing the Animal Science Mini-Internship Program and wish the best of luck to all participating students. If any registered egg farmers are interested in volunteering or learning more about this program, please contact David Webb at the EFA office.

### About Egg Farmers of Alberta

Egg Farmers of Alberta represents more than 170 egg farming families in Alberta. EFA works to ensure there is a sustainable egg industry for Alberta egg farmers, who provide Albertans with a



stable supply of fresh, high-quality, locally produced eggs. For more information, visit [www.eggs.ab.ca](http://www.eggs.ab.ca).

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