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**RIVER FALLS**

**Animal and Food Sciences**

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### **MSc Graduate Assistantship Available in Dairy Welfare and Management**

#### **Project: Exploring the impact of cow-calf contact on the health and welfare of dairy cows and calves, and dairy producer perceptions toward cow-calf contact**

An MSc graduate assistantship at UW-River Falls in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences is available beginning in summer or fall 2023 with Dr. Kate Creutzinger.

**Research activities:** The graduate student will work on a project to assess the impact of cow-calf contact on the health and welfare of dairy cows and calves, and to investigate producer perceptions of this practice. The overall goal of this project is to develop foundational knowledge regarding the practice of extended cow-calf contact. The student will focus specifically collecting animal- and resource-based measures of welfare and perform interviews with producers. They will be involved in the development of data protocols, data collection, publication of research article(s) and a thesis.

**Qualifications:** Looking for a motivated student who has a strong interest in dairy cattle welfare and research. The successful candidate should earn a bachelor's degree in animal science, dairy science, biology, psychology, or a related field with an anticipated completion date no later than May 2023. A driver's license is required.

This position includes a graduate stipend tuition waiver for up to 2 years (contingent on satisfactory progress).

#### **Interested in Applying?**

For full consideration, please email the following documents to [Katherine.creutzinger@uwrf.edu](mailto:Katherine.creutzinger@uwrf.edu)

A current resume or curriculum vitae (CV)

1. A scanned unofficial copy of bachelor's transcript
2. A short cover letter detailing your interest in the program, relevant experience, and qualifications
3. Names and contact information for 3 references

