OVERVIEW:

Dave Crowder’s lab is one of Washington State University’s graduate student research labs. During the summer months, graduate students conduct their research projects on a topic of their choosing. Many of these projects have real-life relevance in the relationship between insects and our country’s crops.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

My responsibilities ranged from working in a lab setting to assisting with experiments in the field or greenhouse.

SUMMARY:

This experience has given me much to reflect when it comes to my professional growth by giving me insight into different career choices. Although I am planning on entering a more horticultural vocation I have benefitted from seeing how horticulture can be incorporated into other vocations. I gained research experience and skills in communicating. Because I still haven’t figured out the exact career I want to enter it has been eye opening to see what options are still out there.