

FAST GENETICS HIRES LAUREN CIERNIA AS SWINE REPRODUCTIVE SPECIALIST

Lauren Ciernia has been appointed as Swine Reproductive Specialist. She will be joining our reproductive research team at our research facility in Madison, Wisconsin.

She is originally from Northfield, MN and in 2016, she graduated with an Animal Science degree from North Dakota State University. She then worked in the lab of Dr. Kimberly Vonnahme for three years. They studied the effects of different nutritional diets on uterine blood flow and the impact on pregnancy in sheep and cattle. She also actively competed for NDSU on their Intercollegiate Horse Show Team (IHSA) and traveled nationally to compete against other universities and was captain of the team for several years.



In 2018 she earned her masters degree in Animal Science from the University of Missouri. She focused on beef cattle reproduction under Dr. Michael Smith. During graduate school, she conducted the majority of her field trials at the USDA station, Fort Keogh Livestock and Range Research Facility in Miles City, Montana. When not living in Montana, Lauren worked closely with local Missouri producers managing their herd reproduction and teaching cattle AI clinics through out the state. She also was actively involved in teaching undergraduate reproduction for both cattle and horses.

Upon graduation in 2019, she accepted a position at the University of Missouri working in the laboratory of Dr. Matthew Lucy as a research specialist. They studied the establishment of the uterine microbiome in dairy cattle. Lauren also operated a commercial immunoassay laboratory analyzing samples for our industry partners. In addition to dairy cattle research, she also worked on swine fertility trials.

We are very excited to welcome Lauren into the Fast Genetics family and believe her experience, involvement, and education in the industry will most definitely be an asset for our team.