

Say Hello to MPSG's 2023 Summer Students



Mikayla Melnick

My name is Mikayla Melnick, and I am so excited to join MPSG for a second summer season and to get out into the field again. I am from Qualicum Beach, BC and just finished my bachelor's degree from the University of Guelph. I majored in biomedical and environmental toxicology and minored in agriculture. Last summer I enjoyed investigating whether fungicide applications affected microbial activity within the soil of pea fields. I look forward to learning more about all things pulses and soybeans. I have some big adventures planned for the summer 2023 including seeing more Manitoban ford crossings and a few ultramarathons in the BC mountains!



Ashlyn Kropp

My name is Ashlyn Kropp, and I can't wait to work for MPSG this summer. I grew up in Morden, Manitoba and I'm currently pursuing my Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, majoring in plant biotechnology at the University of Manitoba. This summer, I look forward to learning more about how crop research and data collection works through the On-Farm Network, which will teach me robust research practices and build my agricultural knowledge. I'll be gearing up to participate in the 6k Mud Hero obstacle course in Grand Beach this summer among enjoying lots of walks with my dog in the warm weather.

MPSG's 2022–2023 Scholarship Recipients

Manitoba Pulse & Soybean Growers (MPSG) has awarded two University of Manitoba agriculture students with bursaries for the 2022–2023 academic year. Jaden Van Den Bussche was the recipient of \$1,000 through the MPSG Degree Scholarship, and Seun Bakut was awarded \$1,000 through the MPSG Diploma Scholarship. Supporting students interested in pursuing an education in agriculture is a priority for MPSG and its farmer members, and we look forward to seeing how Jaden and Seun, will undoubtedly improve the industry.



Meet Jaden Van Den Bussche: I was raised in Treherne, Manitoba and I am in my third year of a plant biotechnology degree. I plan to use my degree to work in agricultural research. Agriculture is an incredible industry because it involves science, logistics, and marketing to make the system function—understanding this complex system is a never-ending source of knowledge looking to be explored. This Manitoba Pulse & Soybean Growers (MPSG) scholarship has reduced my cost of tuition and empowered me to attend events hosted by the university, meet new people, and begin networking with other members of the agriculture community. Thanks, MPSG and its farmer members for the opportunity!



Meet Seun Bakut: I am originally from Jos, Nigeria, now pursuing my Diploma of Agriculture, with a major in General Agriculture. Agriculture fascinates me because it's a multidimensional space involving plants, soil, the environment, humans, and animals all working together in sync. I am fortunate for the many hands-on learning experimental opportunities to learn about agriculture throughout my program, like visiting a bison ranch! I will be graduating this spring, after which I hope to work as a research assistant while working towards establishing my own operation. I am so thankful to be supported by Manitoba Pulse & Soybean Growers in my academic pursuits.