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2022 Summer Internship Program

Gain Real-World Experience and Build Your Career

Imagine a career in which you can make a positive difference in the community every day. Imagine a career where you teach people, and your classroom is a farm, field, factory, forest, home, or community. We invite you to NC State Extension's Summer Internship Program, an experience that will prepare you for a challenging and rewarding career!

Overview

In North Carolina, Extension professionals work in all 100 counties and the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians. Nationwide, more than 15,000 Extension professionals are working to address society's needs. Numerous countries and international development programs need Extension professionals. All of this means that opportunities abound for students who pursue the Extension Education field.

In 2022, 33 internships are available across North Carolina. Interns will assist Extension Agents through programs such as Master Gardeners, pesticide training, diabetes cooking classes, and 4-H livestock projects. Extension internships offer a first-hand view of Extension careers.

Objectives

Extension provides research-based information and education in local communities. The internship helps you to consider careers in agriculture, food systems, nutrition, youth development, community development, family and consumer sciences, natural resources, and environmental science. The internships are paid, and interns can expect to:

- Gain knowledge about Extension careers.
- Develop rich job experiences.
- Help deliver solutions to address local needs.

Academic Majors Sought

We are seeking students whose academic background is relevant to Extension, especially: agronomy; animal science; horticultural science; youth development; nutrition; food science; family and consumer sciences; agricultural and resource economics; communications; biological and agricultural engineering; agricultural and Extension education; and others.

Community-Based Education

Extension educators primarily focus on agriculture and food, health and nutrition, and 4-H youth development programs.

Serving People

Extension careers are for people with a passion for serving people. Using research-based information, Extension professionals teach families, farmers, youth, and communities.

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NC State Extension Internships Help Bridge College and Career

General Job Description

An Extension summer intern works with Extension Agents and other Extension personnel to coordinate and implement hands-on, educational programs. Interns assist in preparations for group meetings and activities by gathering information, assembling materials, contacting participants, and engaging donors. Interns teach individuals and groups.

Job shadowing and mentoring are important parts of the internship experience. Interns seek information from mentors and colleagues regarding the history, purpose and mission of North Carolina Cooperative Extension. In some cases, the intern may develop a novel program or process under the guidance of an Extension professional. This program or process may make substantial contributions to the overall county Extension program. Interns also complete and submit time reports and other program documentation as appropriate.

Interns are compensated $12 per hour and work 40 hours per week for 10 weeks. Academic credit is available for students who satisfy all requirements through NC State's Agricultural and Extension Education academic program for AEE 423 – Practicum in Agricultural Extension/Industry (8 credit hours). Other departments may also provide credit; check with your academic advisor.

2022 Locations

The following counties will host interns:

- **Northeast**: Currituck, Edgecombe, Nash, Pitt, and Warren
- **Southeast**: Bladen, Duplin, Johnston, Lenoir, and Wilson
- **South Central**: Anson, Catawba, Gaston, Iredell, Lee, Moore, Rowan, Stanly, and Union
- **North Central**: Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Davie, Granville, Orange, and Randolph
- **West:** Burke, Cleveland, Henderson, Polk, and Rutherford

Additionally, the Dept. of Agricultural and Human Sciences will host internships in Raleigh.

Qualifications

- Student applicants must be currently enrolled in (or accepted for) a four-year accredited college or university.
- Students must be in a course of study relevant to the work of Extension.
- Students must have an undergraduate cumulative GPA of 2.5 based on a 4.0 scale at the time of application (exceptions will be considered with substantial justification), and graduate students are eligible.
- Interns must be eligible to work in the United States.
- Must have strong oral and written communications skills, and be able to work effectively and build relationships with others.
- Must have good organization and planning skills, and be able to demonstrate effective project coordination, facilitation, and implementation based on past work or academic experiences.
- Must be able to analyze and synthesize information for problem solving.
- Experience working with volunteers and youth is preferred.
- Must have a personal commitment to working with diverse clientele and colleagues.

Timeline

- February 21 – Applications due
- February 24 to March 25 – County Extension Centers may interview applicants
- April 1 – Applicants informed of internship placements
- April 23 – Required Internship Orientation
- May 18 – Internship Start Date
- July 27 – Internship End Date

How to Apply

Applicants must submit the following by February 21 :

- Two references with contact information.
- A resume that includes their major and current GPA.
- Latest college or university transcript (unofficial transcripts are acceptable).
- A list of specific county location(s) to which the applicant is applying.

NC State students apply in ePack. The job Title is "NC Cooperative Extension Summer Internship," and the ID number is 146958. Students from other institutions should email complete application materials in pdf format to Ms. Desiree Mallon, ddmallon@ncsu.edu.

NC State University promotes equal opportunity and prohibits discrimination and harassment based upon one's age, color, disability, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, race, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, and veteran status.

Learn More

- NC State Extension Summer Internship Program www.ces.ncsu.edu/internships/
- NC State Extension www.ces.ncsu.edu/
- Agricultural and Human Sciences cals.ncsu.edu/agricultural-and-human-sciences/
- College of Agriculture and Life Sciences cals.ncsu.edu/

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