

2020 Tennessee Extension Internship Program



Welcome Interns of 2020!

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Name	County/ Department	Supervisor
Ashley Draper	Union County	Shannon DeWitt
Canaan Dugger	Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries	Wayne Clatterbuck
Ashley Harris	Obion County	Benita Giffin
Olivia Howard	Knox County	Neal Denton
Brooke Keadle	Plant Sciences	Natalie Bumgarner
Sawyer Main	Animal Science	Jennie Ivey/Aaron Fisher
Nathaniel Reid	BESS	Lori Duncan/Andrea Ludwig
Marina Silva dos Santos	Davidson County	Lindsey Harrison /Andrew Lantz
Leeah Sutton	Agriculture and Resource Economics	Sreedhar Upendram
Taylor Thompson	Agriculture and Resource Economics	Aaron Smith



Ashley Draper

Union County // Supervisor: Shannon DeWitt

**University of Tennessee at Knoxville
Agricultural Communications Major**

Ashley is an undergraduate student at the University of Tennessee's Herbert College of Agriculture majoring in agricultural communications with a minor in agricultural leadership. Upon graduation, Ashley would love to work for the UT's Extension program in their communications department. She would also love to work for various Tennessee agricultural publications, and work with Pick Tennessee Products and the Tennessee Agritourism Association Board to promote Tennessee. She is currently a member of UT's Collegiate 4-H/FFA, UT Commission on Agriculture, and the UTIA Marketing and Communications working group.



Canaan Dugger

**Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries // Supervisor:
Wayne Clatterbuck**

**University of Tennessee at Knoxville
Forestry Major**

Canaan is from Nashville, Tennessee, and has attended Columbia State Community College, Pellissippi Community College, and The University of Tennessee Knoxville for a Bachelor's degree in Forestry with a concentration in Restoration and Conservation Science and a minor in Wildlife and Fisheries. His plans after graduation is to pursue a career and further education in the field of silviculture. His interests/hobbies include: listening/playing music, cooking, gardening/growing plants, swimming, watching movies, hiking/camping, and brewing beer.



Ashley Harris

Obion County // Supervisor: Benita Griffin

**University of Tennessee at Martin
Child and Family Studies Major**

Ashley is a senior at the University of Tennessee at Martin. She is pursuing a major in Child and Family Studies and a minor in Psychology. After graduation she wants to work with children and families. Her interests include reading, writing, and painting.



Olivia Howard

Knox County // Supervisor: Neal Denton

**The University of Tennessee at Knoxville
Animal Science Major**

Olivia is graduating in December 2020 with a major in Animal Science and a minor in Food and Agricultural Business. Upon graduating, she plans to pursue a career in Extension or the Tennessee Department of Agriculture with an interest in policy. In her spare time, she likes to work in her garden, volunteer, and assist at the vet school.



Brooke Keadle

Plant Sciences // Supervisor: Natalie Bumgarner

**The University of Tennessee at Knoxville
Plant Science Major**

Brooke is a senior at the University of Tennessee Knoxville majoring in Plant Science with a concentration in organic production. She is the president of the plant science club on campus, and loves all things related to agriculture and student involvement. After graduation, she hopes to become an extension agent and one day own her own organic blueberry farm! She has previously worked on extension projects such as the Home Garden Variety Trials and the 10 Plants that Changed Tennessee. She can't wait to continue doing agricultural outreach for the state of Tennessee!



Sawyer Main

**Animal Science // Supervisor: Jennie Ivey/
Aaron Fisher**

**Graduated from The University of Tennessee
BS in Agriculture Education**

Sawyer is recent graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville with a BS in Agriculture Education. He plans to return to the University of Tennessee this fall to begin working toward a MS in Animal Science. While at the University of Tennessee, Sawyer served as a Herbert Ambassador and the President of Collegiate 4-H & FFA. Upon completion of his Master's Degree, Sawyer plans to then pursue a teaching career and eventually a Doctoral Degree and a teaching position at a university. In his spare time, he enjoys fly fishing.



Nathaniel Reid

BESS// Supervisor: Lori Duncan/Andrea Ludwig

**The University of Tennessee at Knoxville
Environmental and Soil Sciences Major**

Nathaniel is a senior at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville studying Environmental and Soil Sciences with a minor in Geographic Information Science. Originally from North Carolina, and more recently Belize, Nathaniel focuses on scientific methods and instrumentation that facilitate precise landscape characterization and management. Research pursuits combine applications of high-resolution lidar terrain data with soil surveys. His interests and hobbies include trail construction, small-scale mechanized agricultural systems, and historic land use patterns.



Marina Silva dos Santos

Davidson County // Supervisor: Lindsey Harrison/ Andrew Lantz

**Graduated from University of Georgia
MS in Agricultural and Environmental
Education**

Marina is from Fortaleza, Brazil. She recently earned a master's degree in the Agricultural and Environmental Education program from the University of Georgia (UGA). She has worked as a graduate laboratory assistant in biology for 2 years at UGA, and she has volunteered and interned in marine extension educational programs in Brazil and the U.S. Some of her interests include outdoor activities, swimming, and learning about different cultures and languages. Her next career goal is to become an Extension Agent to contribute to 4-H youth and community development.



Leeah Sutton

**Agriculture and Resource
Economics//Supervisor: Sreedhar Upendram**

**East Tennessee State University
Biology and Environmental Health Major**

Leeah graduated summa cum laude from Northeast State Community College (NESCC) in December of 2019 with an Associate in Science. While at NESCC, she was the Vice President of Scholarships in Phi Theta Kappa and the President of GREENS (NESCC's environmental club). In Spring 2020, she transferred to East Tennessee State University to continue her education in Biology and Environmental Health as an Honors-In-Discipline student. Since Fall 2018, she has worked part-time as an academic tutor at NESCC. Her interests include kayaking and Americana music.



Taylor Thompson

**Agriculture and Resource Economics //
Supervisor: Aaron Smith**

**The University of Tennessee at Knoxville
Agriculture and Resource Economics Major**

Taylor will be a senior at the University of Tennessee this upcoming fall. Taylor hopes to attend graduate school after completion of his undergraduate degree. Taylor's previous work with the Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center has given him experience in research with the University of Tennessee. Taylor's hope is that this internship will help him continue his understanding of the world-wide significance of modern agriculture.



Programs in agriculture and natural resources, 4-H youth development, family and consumer sciences, and resource development. University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture and county governments cooperating.

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