

POSITION X2416

Tennessee Extension Internship Program: ANR/CED Plant Sciences Department
10-week Summer Internship

LOCATION

The student will work in the Plant Sciences Department at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Prior to starting the internship, interns will participate in a day-long orientation to familiarize them with Tennessee Extension Programs in ANR.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Tentative--May 22 – July 31, 2024

SALARY AND BENEFITS

A stipend in the amount of \$6,840 for the 10-week internship is provided for each intern. As with any position, it is expected that an intern is able to get to and from work each day. Generally, interns ride with Extension agents and specialists during significant work-related travel and therefore do not receive a travel budget allotment.

JOB DESCRIPTION

This internship will focus on Extension horticulture trials and outreach efforts that will serve stakeholders across Tennessee. Work will usually take place at the UTIA campus as well as East Tennessee Research and Education Centers near Knoxville, specifically the Organic Crops Unit.

- 1) Assist in planting and management of the first year of a cut flower trial that will support small-scale Tennessee growers
 - Plant and manage warm season cut flower crops and help implement production studies, such as fertility and pest/disease management. Time may also be spent in Extension outreach related to cut flowers.
- 2) Management of Tennessee home garden variety trial plots
 - These trial plots are designed to provide variety selection and cultivation information for gardeners across Tennessee and augment citizen science trials. Work will involve planting, managing, and harvesting plots to support data collection along with leading a new container vegetable trial in 2024. Time may also be spent in Extension outreach related to garden vegetables and urban foods.

REQUIREMENTS

- Candidate must be enrolled in a college of agriculture, natural resources, environmental science or closely related major.
- Preference given to those that have completed at least 50 percent of the required course work for the Bachelor's degree with a cumulative GPA of 2.7 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher and has at least one more semester to complete after the summer internship has ended. Preference will be given to students presently enrolled in the University of Tennessee, Tennessee State University, any other university or college in Tennessee, or to a student resident of Tennessee enrolled elsewhere. Preference will also be given to those with Extension experience (i.e. former 4-H member, etc.). However, all eligible applicants will be considered.
- Must reside in, or live within a reasonable commuting distance of the assigned location. Housing not provided.
- Must have own transportation to and from work.
- Must present a written and oral report of the project accomplishments and training experience at the end of the internship.

For best consideration, applications for the internship should be submitted by **February 29, 2024**. *Applications received after this date will be reviewed if all slots have not been filled.*

Applicants may be interviewed. Successful applicants will be notified by March 22, 2024.

Apply on-line at: https://ut.taleo.net/careersection/ut_knoxville/jobsearch.ftl?lang=en

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- [Complete Online Application](#)
- Attach Resume to Online Application
- Attach Transcript to Online Application
- [Attach Completed Addendum to Online Application \(https://eesd.tennessee.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/242/2023/12/2024-TN-Extension-Internship-Program-Addendum-ANR-CED.pdf\)](https://eesd.tennessee.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/242/2023/12/2024-TN-Extension-Internship-Program-Addendum-ANR-CED.pdf)

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