

Orange County Extension Intern

Location: Orange County

Program Area: 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences, Community and Rural Development

Immediate/Site Supervisor: Jonathon Smith

Other Mentors and Supervisors: Mart Bumgarner, Ivelisse Colon, Mike Ortosky, Marti Day

Position Description/Responsibilities:

Depending upon the interest of the intern, this internship can encompass a wide variety of assignments to give the intern a comprehensive understanding of the work of Cooperative Extension in Orange County. Projects can range from working with children through our summer 4-H youth camps (K-12) to working with farmers at the Breeze Farm Incubator to explore market opportunities and apply sustainable horticultural and agronomic practices.

The intern can learn how to develop business plans with farmers, assist with livestock projects (4-H club projects and district dairy shows), assist with plant diagnostics, design and implement nutrition education classes, learn about agricultural and rural economic development processes, perform general community outreach, and more.

The successful applicant will be expected to be an active part of our team this summer and will be required to work independently at times.

Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- Interested in working with people to develop positive outcomes.
- Good communicator and team player.
- Experience with virtual platforms such as Zoom.
- Courses in youth development, education, agriculture, nutrition, business management, and/or marketing would be preferable.

Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

- Hands-on application of skills
- Youth instruction experience
- Greater knowledge of hybrid programming
- Event and program planning experience
- Exposure to multiple communication tools used by Cooperative Extension
- Greater knowledge of local and direct farm market trends
- Teamwork
- Work with farmers will give the intern a stronger understanding of the extension needs of farmers and agribusinesses in general.