

## Orange County Extension Intern

**Location:** Orange County, NC

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

**Immediate/Site Supervisor:** Jonathon Smith

**Other Mentors and Supervisors:** Ivelisse Colon, Sarah Maddry, Mike Ortosky, Mart Bumgarner, and Kathleen Rogers

### Position Description/ Responsibilities:

Internship will encompass a wide variety of assignments to give the intern a comprehensive understanding of the work of Cooperative Extension in Orange County.

Projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Leading activities with K-12 students enrolled in our 4-H summer day camps
- Work with farmers at the Breeze Farm Incubator to apply sustainable horticultural and agronomic practices on farms
- Assist in developing business plans with farmers
- Assist with livestock projects
- Participate in on-farm visits
- Assist with county and district dairy shows
- Conduct plant and soil sample analysis
- Assist with database development for local farm products
- Design and implement food safety courses
- Conduct data analyses and strategic planning for local foods and food security work
- Perform general community outreach

### Preferred Qualifications/ Previous Coursework:

Courses in agriculture, nutrition, business management, food systems, and/or marketing is preferred

### Benefits/Skills student will gain through this internship:

- Hands-on application of skills
- Youth instruction experience
- Gain knowledge of local and direct foods
- Learn about Farmers Market distribution and trends
- Improve team-building skills
- Gain experience in research and data analysis of local food systems
- Work with farmers; gain a stronger understanding of the needs of farmers and local agribusinesses