

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: Tyrone Fisher, Mart Bumgarner, Ivelisse Colón, Marti Day, Sarah Maddry, Suyapa Meja-Guevara

Position Description/Responsibilities:

Depending on the interest of the intern, this project 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 to working with farmers at the Breeze Farm Incubator to apply sustainable horticultural and agronomic practices on working farms.

The intern can learn how to develop business plans with farmers, assist with livestock projects, teach youth how to show animals, assist with plant diagnostics, assist with database development for local farm products, design and implement cooking classes with local chefs, perform general community outreach, and more.

Depending upon the situation this summer with COVID-19, we anticipate that this individual will help us with developing virtual programs and strengthening current virtual initiatives.

The successful applicant will be expected to be an active part of our team this summer.

Depending upon the nature of the project, the intern may work independently at times as well.

Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

- Hands-on application of skills
- Youth instruction experience
- Greater knowledge of virtual 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.

Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

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