

Pitt County Extension Intern

Location: Pitt County

Program Area: Agriculture and Natural Resources

Immediate/Site Supervisor: Leigh Guth

Other Mentors and Supervisors: Hannah Smith, Andy Burlingham, Zach Williams

Position Description/Responsibilities:

The intern will work in collaboration with the Agriculture Extension Staff to implement educational programming centered around Agriculture/Horticulture in Pitt County.

The intern will assist with day-to-day management and maintenance of the Pitt County Arboretum, Master Gardener training, and workshops as well as on-site consultations with growers.

Other work duties will include assisting in content production for various websites and social media platforms.

Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

- Increase comfort level in agriculture-based Extension programs.
- Increase knowledge of NC Cooperative Extension.
- Gain confidence in facilitating programs for various audiences.
- Become familiar with arboretum management and maintenance.
- Learn how to conduct hands-on educational activities.
- Increase knowledge of plant inventory and identification.

Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- Student applicants must be currently accepted for or enrolled in, a four-year accredited college or university in a course of study relating Agriculture, Horticulture or closely related field.
- Must enjoy working with all audiences including youth, volunteers, farmers, and the general public.
- Must possess good communication skills - written and oral, have an outgoing personality, and be responsible.
- Intern must consent to a criminal and traffic background check.
- Applicants need to be able to work independently, driving may be required, must be able to work occasional weekends.

Additional Information

Expectations:

- Physical activity - Ability to stoop, bend, lift up to 50lbs.
- Wear clothing appropriate for working in agricultural settings when necessary.
- Participate in community outreach events focused on agriculture.
- Participate in annual Pitt County Arboretum events and workdays.
- Have the ability to work independently on specific projects and follow detailed instructions.
- Write articles, success stories, radio spots, etc.