

Wilson County Extension Intern

Location: Wilson County

Program Area: Agriculture and Natural Resources

Immediate/Site Supervisor: Cyndi Lauderdale

Other Mentors and Supervisors: Wilson County Agricultural Staff

Position

Description/Responsibilities:

The Horticulture Intern for Wilson Extension and the Wilson Botanical Gardens. Job duties focus on:

Education

- The intern will plan, manage, conduct, and evaluate summer gardening educational programs for youth ages 10-16. This program will be offered to youth throughout the county and conducted at the Wilson Botanical Gardens. Topics of the programs may include plant growth and development; soils and water; ecology; insects; landscape horticulture; fruits and vegetables; life skills; and career exploration.
- Daily social media posts.

Public Speaking/Communications

- The intern will plan, manage, conduct (or arrange for others to conduct), and organize educational programs for adults as part of a monthly education series.
- Monthly radio show taping and newspaper articles.

Horticultural Labor

- The intern will perform horticultural work in a public garden including, but not limited to: garden renovation; plant removal and installation; plant cataloging and labeling; pruning; composting; and other general garden duties.

Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- Horticulture major and coursework is preferred.
- Education and/or science background encouraged.

Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

- Work experience with a variety of volunteers, staff members, youth, and adults
- Plant identification
- Proper horticulture techniques
- Public speaking via workshops, classes, radio show, social media videos
- Photography skills for social media and classes
- Working with PowerPoint, Word, Excel