

Chatham County Extension Intern

Location: Chatham County

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

Immediate/Site Supervisor: Ginger Cunningham

Other Mentors and Supervisors: Matt Jones, Debbie Roos, Tara Gregory, Ashley Robbins, Kristina Britt, Liz Mauney

Position Description/Responsibilities:

The intern will have the ability to work with Extension professionals (4-H, FCS, Ag) to plan and implement educational programming for clientele within Chatham County.

While the intern will work primarily with the 4-H program to assist with youth programming during the summer months, the student will have the opportunity to assist in preparing, planning, and providing instruction for a variety of Extension events. Likewise, the intern will have the opportunity to participate in community conferences, advisory council and board meetings, and assist with volunteer trainings.

Please note, that due to COVID restrictions that may still be in play, some of this programming will be virtual/online-based work done in accordance with local government restrictions at the time of the internship.

Overall, it is hoped that by completing this internship experience, the student will be able to better explore career options within Extension as well as increasing their overall skill sets useful for future internships and employment. As such, the intern will have substantial practical work experience that should be viewed favorably by future employers.

Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- Exceptional organizational and planning skills
- Experience working with volunteers and youth
- Possesses enthusiasm for learning
- Capable and committed to working with diverse populations
- Able to work flexible hours & remotely if/when needed

Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

- Better explore career options within Extension
- Increase overall skill sets useful for future employment
- Will be able to utilize skills learned within classroom settings, in conjunction with mentorship provided by Extension professionals, in real-world applications
- Experiential learning opportunities that cannot be gained solely through classroom instruction

Additional Information

While this intern will focus most of his/her/their time within the 4-H program, he/she/they will also spend considerable time with the various ag-based programs in Chatham, including horticulture, sustainable agriculture, dairy, livestock/equine, and forestry.