

## Caldwell County Extension Intern

**Location:** Caldwell County

**Program Area:** Agriculture and Natural Resources

**Immediate/Site Supervisor:** Sarah Christas

**Other Mentors and Supervisors:** Seth Nagy, Gabby Whorley

### Position Description/Responsibilities:

This year, the Cooperative Extension internship program in Caldwell County will provide interns with a comprehensive and well-rounded experience of Extension, with an emphasis on horticulture.

#### 1. Horticulture Education

- Assist in planning and conducting horticultural workshops and educational programs for the community.
- Create and update educational materials and resources for gardeners
- Participate in garden tours and field trips to help educate the public about horticulture.
- Collaborate with the horticulture agent to develop and maintain demonstration gardens.

#### 2. Plant Health and Pest Management

- Assist in diagnosing plant health issues and identifying pests and diseases.
- Assist in recommendations for IPM strategies to farmers and gardeners.
- Assist in soil testing for local farmers and gardeners.
- Assist in collecting data on pest populations in the area.
- Help organize and participate in pesticide safety training sessions.

#### 3. Community Outreach and Engagement

- Engage with community groups, schools, and organizations to promote horticultural programs and events.
- Assist in coordinating and marketing the local community garden.
- Create and manage social media content and newsletters to connect with the public.
- Collaborate with the horticulture agent to organize community horticultural events.

### Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- Preferred coursework in Agronomy, Animal Science, or Horticulture.
- Previous 4-H and/or FFA experience would be preferred.
- Good communication skills, work ethic, and the ability to adapt to different situations from day to day depending on the program area in which the intern is working.
- Strong oral and written communication skills.

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

- Hands-On Experience: Gain practical, hands-on experience in Extension work.
- Subject Expertise: Develop expertise in specific areas, such as horticulture and agriculture.
- Networking: Build valuable connections within the Extension community and industry.
- Communication Skills: Enhance communication, outreach abilities, and public service skills.
- Problem Solving: Learn to solve real-world challenges in the field of Extension, specific to our county.

### Additional Information

Housing will not be provided.