

## Wilson County Extension Intern

**Location:** Wilson County

**Program Area:** Agriculture and Natural Resources

**Immediate/Site Supervisor:** Cyndi Lauderdale

**Other Mentors and Supervisors:** Master Gardeners, 4H and Ag. Agents

### Position Description/Responsibilities:

The intern will plan, manage, conduct, and evaluate a summer gardening educational program for youth ages 8-14. This program will be offered to youth throughout the county and conducted at the Wilson Botanical Gardens. Topics of the program include plant growth and development, soils and water, ecology, insects, landscape horticulture, fruits and vegetables, life skills, and career exploration. An established curriculum will be available.

The intern will also update the plant database for the Wilson Botanical Gardens as well as market programs through social media and local media. The Wilson Botanical Gardens is a 12-acre public garden designed to provide education, entertainment, and beautification in a small town setting. Divided into separate garden rooms, each area focuses on a specific plant type, theme, or audience. The Children's Secret Garden has become a destination for families in Wilson and throughout the region. An innovative STEM garden is designed for older youth. Collect and implement research as needed. The garden is managed and maintained almost entirely by volunteers. The intern will work with volunteers curating the gardens. They will also provide at least one adult horticulture educational program.

### Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- Preferred Junior or Senior with a major in horticulture

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

- Teaching skills (both children and adults)
- Proficiency in computers (data entry, PowerPoint, and other programs)
- Marketing and media
- Research Collection

### Additional Information

The Agent wants the intern to develop and be part of things that they want to achieve so responsibilities can be flexible for that.