

University of Kentucky College of Agriculture Food and Environment Internship Frequently Asked Question

Q: What is the Cooperative Extension Service (“Extension”)?

A: Extension is an external teaching arm of University of Kentucky. It has a specific range of topics that educators teach. These include agriculture and natural resources, family consumer sciences, 4-H youth development, and rural and community development. There is an Extension presence in each county of the state (120 counties)

Q: What will be my responsibility as an intern?

A: The objective of the internship is to provide an opportunity for the students to experience the work that Extension professionals perform. Interns will be asked to plan and teach programs at the local level under the supervision of an Extension Agents.

Q: What county will I be assigned to if accepted?

A: Interns will be matched with counties based on host counties. Student placements will be discussed per HR request.

Q: Do I have to attend University of Kentucky to be eligible for an Extension intern position?

A: No, eligible participants must be enrolled as a sophomore, junior, or senior in any academically accredited college or university. It does not have to be University of Kentucky.

Q: Do I have to be an Ag major?

A: While we prefer students who are majoring in disciplines in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources or College of Human Sciences, we are not limiting selections to these colleges. Students from Education, Arts and Sciences, etc could be considered. The student should be majoring in a subject that is related to the programs being taught in our county offices. 4-H is not major specific.

Q: Will the 40 hour work week be limited to Monday through Friday? Will I have every weekend off?

A: Interns’ work schedule will generally be the same as agents or specialists. Many weeks **EXCEED 40 hours per week**. Take lead from your supervising agent. You will be forming impressions, you do not clock in as interns because agents and faculty do not clock in.

Q: How much will each intern be paid?

A: The 1800 a month.

Q: Will I receive academic credit for this internship?

A: Credit for this internship is a matter to be determined by the student and his or her academic institution.

Q: Are there funds to help with living arrangements in the counties?

A: There are no funds to help with living expenses in the counties. There are living arrangements for out of state interns, in certain counties.

Q: What are the qualifications for the internship position?

A: Minimum requirement: Interns should be at least college sophomore, junior, or senior, currently enrolled with at least a 2.5 GPA.

Q: Are there other requirements or opportunities?

A: Interns will complete an exit interview, which will include a process similar to an annual performance appraisal. This formative evaluation will assist in future internship programs and intern future employment. The end of the year round up, project, blog, Facebook, and the halfway intern meeting.

Q: Are there behavioral expectations?

A: Interns are expected to act as professionals in the community/county where they complete their internship. To this end, the student will be expected to meet the standards of professionalism.

Q: When will I know if I get an internship?

A: Applicants will be notified as soon as possible after interviews are conducted, early in the spring semester (mid- March).

