

POSITION X1844

Tennessee Extension Internship Program: ANR/CED Department of Plant Sciences
10-week Summer Internship

LOCATION

The student will work in the Department of Plant Sciences at the University of Tennessee. Prior to starting the internship, interns will participate in a day-long orientation to familiarize them with Tennessee Extension Programs in ANR.

EFFECTIVE DATE

May 22 – July 31, 2019

SALARY AND BENEFITS

Compensation in the amount of \$5,500 for the 10-week internship is provided for each intern. As with any position, it is expected that an intern is able to get to and from work each day. Generally, interns ride with Extension agents during significant work-related travel and therefore do not receive a travel budget allotment.

JOB DESCRIPTION

- Contribute to the statewide sustainable nursery crops extension program, which includes extension agent in-service training, nursery producer workshops, and other educational events; multimedia educational materials; and field-based demonstrations and applied research with nursery producers. The program foci are 1) developed and maintaining the Tennessee Master Nursery Producer Program (TMNP) and the Advanced TMNP, 2) using technology to refine irrigation practices to better align water application with plant water use, particularly with hydrangea species, and 3) evaluating laser-guided sprayers with grower-cooperators in order to reduce pesticide use, increase grower adoption of technology, and improve environmental quality. More information can be viewed at: <http://plantsciences.utk.edu/fulcher.htm>.
- Specific duties include working with Dr. Amy Fulcher to:
 - Meet the 2019 summer programming objectives in part by assisting with planning, preparing, conducting, and evaluating Hydrangea Production In-services and Workshops conducted in East and West Tennessee, respectively.
 - Develop extension publications and videos or other educational resources in support of the extension program, including preparing demonstrations for Green Industry Day and the Turf and Ornamental Field Day, and a corresponding 1-2 page article for the Turf and Ornamental Field Day Proceedings or the Tennessee Green Times.
 - Contribute to the ongoing extension demonstration and applied research program including interviewing grower-cooperators, communicating project status and intermediate outcomes to growers, monitoring container soil moisture instrumentation and measurements, photographing demonstrations, and summarizing outcomes into formats useful to the Green Industry and extension. A hydrangea “blueing” demonstration is planned for 2019.

REQUIREMENTS

- Candidate must be enrolled in a college of agriculture, natural resources, environmental science or closely related major.
- Should have completed at least 50 percent of the required course work for the Bachelor's degree with a cumulative GPA of 2.7 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher and has not yet started a graduate program.
- Preference will be given to students presently enrolled in the University of Tennessee, Tennessee State University, any other university or college in Tennessee, or to a student resident of Tennessee enrolled elsewhere. Preference will also be given to those with Extension experience (i.e. former 4-H member, etc.). However, all eligible applicants will be considered.
- Must reside in, or live within a reasonable commuting distance of the assigned location. Housing not provided.
- Must have own transportation to and from work.

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Requirements (continued)

- Must present a written and oral report of the project accomplishments and training experience at the end of the internship. For best consideration, applications for the internship should be submitted by **November 15, 2018**. *Applications received after this date will be reviewed if all slots have not been filled.*

Applicants may be interviewed. Successful applicants will be notified by January 31, 2019.

Apply on-line at: https://ut.taleo.net/careersection/ut_knoxville/jobsearch.ftl?lang=en

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- [Complete Online Application](#)
- Attach Resume to Online Application
- Attach Transcript to Online Application
- [Attach Completed Addendum to Online Application](#)
(<https://extension.tennessee.edu/employment/Pages/Internships.aspx>)

Inquiries may be made to:

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