Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service  
Ag & Natural Resource, Campus-Field Staff Internships  
Summer 2018

Purdue Extension is planning to employ two campus and field based interns during the summer of 2018. One of these internships will be with the Agronomy Department with special emphasis on working with the Crops Diagnostic Center at ACRE. The other internship will be with the Ag Economics department and the Center of Commercial Ag. Both of these internships will also involve work in a County Extension Office, working closely with the Ag Extension Educator. Because the internship will involve part of the time at Purdue, the county assignment will need to be within driving distance of campus.

Preferred Educational Background
Completed Junior or Senior year or college by the summer of 2018 and are eligible for acceptance into graduate school in some area of Crop Science for the Agronomy internship or Ag Economics for the Ag Economics internship.

OR

College graduates with BS degrees in Crop Sciences (Agronomy, Botany & Plant Pathology, Entomology, etc.) or Ag Economics/Farm Management for each respective internship and already accepted into a related graduate program at Purdue University.

Preferred Qualifications
- Enjoys working with people and building teams and partnerships
- Community focused and interested in community service
- Interested in a specialized focus in either Crop Sciences or Ag Economics/Farm Management
- Willing to consider employment in Purdue Extension as an Extension Educator or Specialist
- Experience working with diverse audiences
- Bilingual, English and Spanish speaking, reading and writing is an asset

Internship Description
- The Crop Science Intern will spend part of their summer in a County Extension Office and part at the Crops Diagnostic Training Center at ACRE. Some of the activities will include assisting Extension Specialists with DTC activities.
- The Farm Management Intern will spend part of their summer in a County Extension Office and part working with the Ag Economics based, Center of Commercial Ag. Some of the activities will include the Indiana Farm Management Tour and the Top Farmer Workshop.
Benefits to the Participating Intern

Interns who are accepted into the program will have an opportunity to learn and gain hands-on experiences during the internship including:

- Professional team atmosphere associated with educational program development and delivery
- Familiarity with county and state Extension office procedures, responsibilities and staff
- Develop skills in time management, prioritizing and acceptance of responsibilities
- Work with a diverse (age, gender, economic class, ethnic) audience at the community level
- Participate in a high performing system where staff and community volunteers work closely together to achieve common goals
- Build a portfolio of experience valued by future employers

Details

Pay will be on a bi-weekly basis. Interns will be non-exempt employees and as a result, employment of more than 40 hours per week will require overtime payment. Pay will be $12.50/hour with a maximum of $5,000.00.

Interns will need to provide their own housing, an operable vehicle and have a valid driver’s license.

Resources

Purdue Extension Internship Blog: https://extension.purdue.edu/interns/category/2017/

Purdue Extension Career Website: www.extension.purdue.edu/careers

Please visit this website to apply and upload your cover letter and resume: https://purdue.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6RafpHiiAlB3cMJ

The deadline for submission is Friday, October 27th. Interviews will be held in November.

Questions? Please contact Krista Farthing, Staff Development Coordinator for Purdue Extension at kfarthin@purdue.edu or (765) 496-6515.