

#2277143 MSU Extension Summer 2019 Internship Wayne County, Wayne - Consumer Horticulture Education Support

About this Job

Description

The MSU Extension Consumer Horticulture Team is seeking a qualified intern to join our team to assist in four focus areas related to public horticulture education: community engagement; volunteer project management; program management; and increasing diversity, equity and inclusion in our programming. This position will work primarily within MSU Extension Master Gardener volunteer program but will also engage in broader consumer horticulture programming for the general public, e.g. State Toll-free Lawn and Garden Hotline, garden soil test interpretation, plant diagnostics. Position responsibilities will be shared between Wayne County and Statewide programming with education and experience in several urban counties.

Responsibilities include the following:

- Assist with efforts to support community gardens and increased food access efforts,
- Provide support for the on-site Women, Infants, and Children's (WIC) Garden,
- Assist with the Detroit Eastern Market gardening information booth,
- Assist with preparation and delivery of educational materials for:
 - Oak wilt prevention outreach
 - Plant identification program
 - Horticulture therapy workshop
 - Squash Bee Citizen Science Project
- Assist with data compilation demonstrating outreach impacts,
- Assist with Extension Master Gardener (EMG) project documentation,
- Assist with logging and storing EMG project forms online,
- Assist with Consumer Horticulture Annual Business Meeting and Professional Development

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Opportunity

- The intern will be integrated into the newly formed Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity (DEI) Consumer Horticulture Team committee to develop and implement a DEI plan.

Benefits

- Practical experience in informal and formal horticulture education.
- Shadowing, mentoring and training opportunities with successful Extension Educators.
- Diverse exposure to horticulture in urban and peri-urban areas.
- Flexible work week schedule possible based on mutual agreement between intern and supervisor.
- Possibility to tailor experience based on specific area of horticulture interest.

Expected Primary Office Location for this Internship

33030 Van Born Rd, Wayne, Michigan 48184, United States

Primary Educators/Specialist supporting this Internship

Mary Wilson, wilsonm1@msu.edu, 248-347-0269

Deirdre Hope, hopedeir@msu.edu, 734-546-8657

Ideal majors

Ag Education Horticulture, Entomology, Plant Biology, Turf Grass Management (Crop and Soil Science), Plant Pathology

Expectations and Eligibility

Interns will be matched with an Extension Educator and Specialist team that will utilize the student's academic preparations to further develop essential career skills. During the internship experience, students work full-time on a substantive faculty-guided project, demonstrations, workshops and participate in professional development activities, including attending seminars and completing periodic writing assignments. Due to the intensive nature of this program, it is expected that students will not enroll in summer coursework or accept other employment during the work week. Taking (1) online course up to 4 credits during the summer would be acceptable. Students may opt to enroll for academic credit in ANR 493 (3 credits) or an appropriate XXX 493; the student is responsible for any tuition and enrollment fees. Regardless of academic enrollment, all interns will complete the same academic intern reporting including time sheets, weekly reports, mid-internship report and evaluation, final evaluation and final internship poster. Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Is a current MSU undergraduate student thru August 2019
- Preferably is returning for one or more semesters of undergraduate study after Summer 2019 (i.e., not graduating before December 2019)
- Is eligible for employment in the USA; international students must obtain an appropriate visa
- Cumulative GPA of 3.00 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Able to commit to full-time employment during the 12-week summer program
- Have access to reliable transportation
- Will be at least 18 years old by May 1, 2019

Compensation and Housing

Students participating in the MSUE internship program are paid \$12.50 per hour and typically work 40 hours per week for up to 12 weeks. Participants are student employees of MSU and are responsible for applicable taxes. Work-related travel will be compensated. Students are responsible for their own housing. It is expected that applicants will have a housing option in close proximity of their area of choice. Multiple Michigan geographic regions are available. As noted in the titles, a couple of the internship locations do include housing.

Application Timeline

The application process is open until a suitable candidate has been selected. All positions will close on April 1 regardless of status. Review begins immediately after application. Please apply early.

Application

Handshake - msu.joinhandshake.com - cover letter, resume and unofficial transcript

Position ID: msu.joinhandshake.com/jobs/2277143

About MSU Extension - Internships

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what we offer in the classroom and by request, explore the MSU Extension Catalog of Programs and Services, which features programming in Agriculture, Business & Community, Family, Food & Health, Lawn & Garden, Natural Resources and 4-H & Youth on the about page: msue.anr.msu.edu/about

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Compensation

TYPE: Paid

PAY RATE: \$12.50 Per hour

DURATION: Temporary / Seasonal

Employer Preferences

MINIMUM CUMULATIVE GPA: 3.0

ALLOWED SCHOOL YEARS: Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Graduating August 2019 - May 2021

ALLOWED MAJORS

All Plant Pathology, Crop and Soil Sciences, Turfgrass Management-Golf (Cert), Sports and Commercial Turf Mgt (Cert), Biology, Biological Science, Entomology (AG NAT RES), Horticulture, and Agriculture Education majors

WORK AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS

US work authorization is required, but the employer is accepting OPT/CPT candidates

Contact Information**CONTACTS**

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