Internship Descriptions - Summer 2023
Michigan State University Extension will offer paid 2023 summer internship opportunities for high achieving undergraduates. The intent of this program is to expose students to Extension career opportunities, to develop student’s career-based portfolio skills and to support the work of Extension Educators and Specialists. Selected individuals will have the opportunity to work with multiple Extension Educators and Specialists in multiple topic areas during the summer experience. Summer 2023 opportunities exist in multiple Michigan geographic areas.

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| 1 | Detroit Partnership for Food, Learning, & Innovation Intern  
app.joinhandshake.com/jobs/7411768 | Naim Edwards  
edwar649@msu.edu  
717-364-2378 | Detroit Partnership for Food, Learning and Innovation; 16745 Lamphere St.  
Detroit, MI |
| Assist with the Detroit Partnership for Food, Learning, and Innovation (DPFLI) with scaling up fruit, nut, and vegetable production, as well as participate in at least one of the following research topics: soil management, fruit crop management or community nutrition. Other activities may include farm support activities, as well as leading educational programs for visitors. |
| 2 | 4-H Animal Events Intern  
app.joinhandshake.com/jobs/7431943 | Autumn Converse  
conver20@msu.edu  
517-432-1626  
Melissa Elischer  
elischer@msu.edu  
517-432-4306 | MSU Anthony Hall, 474 S Shaw Ln.  
East Lansing, MI |
| Assist 4-H Extension professionals with statewide 4-H animal science event coordination and program delivery and evaluation. Example events include: the State 4-H Goat Show, 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp, the 4-H/FFA State Livestock Judging Contest, Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days, State 4-H Dog Show, and State 4-H Horse Show. |
| 3 | Apple Community Education Initiative Intern  
app.joinhandshake.com/jobs/7431978 | Kathy Jamieson  
jamies13@msu.edu  
586-306-3544 (c)  
586-469-6093 (w) | Macomb County Extension Office; 21885 Dunham Rd.  
Clinton Township, MI |
| Assist with educational opportunities offered to youth participants from underserved communities to explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) as a part of the Apple Community Education Initiative, which includes camps and club activities in the Southeast Michigan counties of Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne. |
| 4 | Pollinator Education Intern  
app.joinhandshake.com/jobs/7432172 | Ana Heck  
heckanar@msu.edu  
517-884-7976 | MSU Pollinator Performance Center, 4090 College Rd.  
East Lansing, MI |
| Support MSU Extension efforts related to beekeeping/pollinator workshops, presentations, fairs and other events, including the Beepalooza fair. Activities may range from assisting with supplies and materials, to photography/videography, to providing pollinator education to participants. |
| 5 | Horticulture Education and Research Intern (may be multiple interns)  
app.joinhandshake.com/jobs/7432210 | Michael Reinke  
reinkem3@msu.edu  
269-944-1477 x 210  
Ben Phillips  
benp@msu.edu  
269-944-1477 x 207  
Bill Shane  
shane@msu.edu  
269-944-1477 x 205 | Southwest Michigan Research and Extension Center  
1791 Hillandale Rd.  
Benton Harbor, MI |
| Work with Researchers and Extension professionals at the Southwest Michigan Research and Extension Center. Current topical areas include viticulture, vegetables, and/or tree fruit. |
| 6 | Online Trainings for Small Animal Farms Intern  
app.joinhandshake.com/jobs/7432537 | Katie Ockert  
ockertka@msu.edu  
616-527-5357 | Ionia County Extension Office  
101 W. Main St.  
Ionia, MI; remote option |
| Work with Extension professionals and Dept. of Animal Science faculty/staff to develop Desire 2 Learn (D2L) online trainings for small sized animal farms. |
| 7 | Sustainable Agriculture Intern (On-site dormitory style housing available free of charge)  
app.joinhandshake.com/jobs/7432593 | James DeDecker  
dededeck5@msu.edu  
989-225-3221 | MSU Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center, E3774 University Dr.  
Chatham, MI |
<p>| Work with research and Extension professionals at the Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center to assist with sustainable agriculture projects. Topics range from beef cattle, field crops, and forage/vegetable production. |</p>
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| 8 - Environmental Assessment and Restoration Intern  
app.joinhandshake.com/ jobs/7432684  
Work with other students, as well as research and Extension professionals at the Corey Marsh Ecological Research Center on natural resources-related topics. Example activities include surveys and species inventories on birds, frogs, turtles and deer, as well as participating in educational opportunities highlighting these species for visitors. | Jen Owen  
owenj@msu.edu  
517-432-4264  
Alexa Warwick  
awarwick@msu.edu | Corey Marsh Ecological Research Center, 9422 Herbison Rd.  
Laingsburg, MI |
| 9 - 4-H Exploration Days Intern  
app.joinhandshake.com/ jobs/7432771  
Support planning and implementation efforts for MSU Extension’s 4-H Exploration Days, which is a large-scale event that invites over 1000 students to campus. There will be additional opportunities to engage with 4-H programming in the last half of the internship as the event is June 21-23, 2023. | Laura Potter Niesen  
potterla@msu.edu  
517-432-2963 | Morill Hall of Agriculture  
446 W. Circle Dr.  
East Lansing, MI |
| 10 - Regenerative Agriculture Intern  
app.joinhandshake.com/ jobs/7432854  
Support research and Extension activities at the Lake City Research Center, which includes statewide activities. Specifically, the intern will be trained on various tools to evaluate the impact of grazing and management decisions on various ecosystems processes. The interns will then be expected to participate in conducting these evaluations at various producer farms across the state. | Matt Raven  
mraven@msu.edu  
517-432-0293 | Lake City Research Center  
5401 Jennings Rd.  
Lake City, MI |

**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 or XXX 293; 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 the following criteria:

- Is a current MSU or NC A&T undergraduate student thru August 2023,
- Preferably is returning for one or more semesters of undergraduate study after Summer 2023 (i.e., not graduating before December 2023),
- 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, and
- Will be at least 18 years old by May 1, 2023.

**Compensation, Housing, Travel, and Other Relevant Information**

Students participating in the MSUE internship program are paid $15.00 per hour and typically work 40 hours per week for up to 12 weeks. Participants are employees of MSU and are responsible for applicable taxes. $1,000 will also be provided for operating expenses and business travel; many internship hosts have additional funds available to support programmatic travel. Students are responsible for their own housing unless specified otherwise. In some cases, housing at no-cost is available at MSU Research and Extension Centers. For those travelling from out of state or looking at other internship opportunities, there may be support to cover housing costs. It is expected that applicants will have a housing option in proximity of their area of choice. Multiple Michigan geographic regions are available. The start/end dates of the internship are flexible depending on the need of the Extension professional and the schedule of the student. In general, internships will start, May 15, 2023, and end August 4, 2023.

**Application Timeline**

The application process is open until a suitable candidate has been selected. All positions will close on April 15 regardless of status. Review begins immediately after application. Please apply early.

**Application**

Handshake - cover letter, resume and unofficial transcript - Position ID in the table above.

**Questions**

If you have questions about the internship process or timeline, please contact Dr. Luke Reese, reesel@msu.edu or 517-353-3258 or Josh Gunn, gunnjosh@msu.edu or 517-355-2361. If you have questions about a specific internship, please view the listing on Handshake or contact the internship coordinator listed in the table above.