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# Durham County Extension Intern

**Location:** Durham County

**Program Area:** Agriculture and Natural Resources

**Immediate/Site Supervisor:** Ashley Troth, Ph.D. Extension Agent and Ag Team Lead for Durham County Center

**Other Mentors and Supervisors:** Donna Rewalt, County Extension Director; Agriculture Agent for Small Farms and Local Foods; Molly Zimmerman, Durham County Farm Manager

## Position Description/ Responsibilities:

- Works with Extension Agents and other Extension personnel to support and implement hands-on, educational program events and activities, including supporting the development of a new agriculture education site in Durham County.
- Participates as part of the Agriculture Team at the Durham County Center developing the new Farm Campus Demonstration Project.
- Participates in activities where local farming needs are identified and prioritized, and program results and plans are discussed.
- Assists in preparations for planned programs by gathering information, assembling materials, contacting participants, and soliciting support from external sources.
- Support evaluation and data collection for planned programs and activities.
- Document program activities and progress through data, photos, and written narratives.
- When appropriate, participates the teaching, training, or other program presentations.
- Seeks information from mentors and colleagues regarding the history, purpose and mission of North Carolina Cooperative Extension.
- In some cases, the intern may identify and develop a program, or training to be implemented at the Durham County Farm Campus.
- Participates in the Extension Internship Showcase to complete the internship.
- Complete all other duties as assigned by the County Extension Director and designated supervisor(s).

## Preferred qualifications/previous coursework:

- Course work in agricultural extension education, general agriculture, horticulture, and/or soil science
- Some direct experience working with farms and gardening, willingness/ability to work outside, and interest in gaining hands on experience in small scale farming focused on sustainability.
- Strong oral and written communication skills, and be able to work effectively and build relationships with others.
- Good organization and planning skills, and be able to demonstrate effective implementation based on past work or school experiences.
- This position may require travel connected with official duties, including attendance at night and weekend meetings. Mileage reimbursement will be provided. As such, applicants must be willing to travel within the local area and work flexible hours.
- Interns will observe all policies, rules, and regulations, including policies for driving state vehicles if assigned by their supervisor.

## Benefits/skills student will gain through this internship:

- Direct Fieldwork Experience with hands on work developing a small educational demonstration farm.
- Learning about the beginning stages of establishing a small scale farm focused on sustainability
- Developing educational materials and programming with Agents and the Farm Manager.
- Learning grant compliance and data collection as part of the Farm Campus project's 3-Year $475,000 Golden Leaf Grant.
- Exploring urban, small scale, intensive agriculture in Durham County.

## Additional Information

This position will have a unique opportunity to experience the development of the Durham County Farm Campus, a 129-acre property purchased by Durham County for a demonstration and prospective incubator farm with current funding from Golden Leaf Foundation to develop the first three years. The project is led by Cooperative Extension in partnership with Durham County's Open Space program. The initial phase is focused on small scall fruit and vegetable market farming. https://dconc.gov/Cooperative-Extension/Agriculture--Farms/Farm-Campus

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