If you are a sophomore or junior for the academic year of 2017-2018, graduating no earlier than May of 2019 from the College of ACES, you are strongly encouraged to apply! The ACES Applied Research and Extension Internship Program will be offered at various sites including, but not limited to ACES research centers and extension offices throughout the state.

2018 Request for Applications

Sponsored by ACES Office of Research-Office of Academic Programs-Office of Extension & Outreach
ACES Applied Research and Extension Internship Program

**KEY DATES**

**December 8th** Deadline to submit the Internship Program application materials to the Office of Academic Programs, no later than 5 pm Central time.

**December 11th-15th** In-person interviews

**December 16th** Selected interns will be notified

**January 16th** Deadline to accept the offer

**About ACES Applied Research and Extension Internship Program**

The ACES Applied Research and Extension Internship Program is a 10-week program open to sophomores and juniors with an overall GPA 3.4 or above for the 2017-2018 academic year. The Internship Program, open to all ACES majors, gives undergraduates a hands-on learning experience that focuses on all stages of research or programming planning and evaluation. We are excited to announce that for 2018, we will be selecting up to 20 interns. The Office of Academic Programs collaborating with the Offices of Research and Extension & Outreach to offer this unique opportunity for ACES students to work in the field of research or Extension programming throughout the state. Possible sites include, but are not limited to ACES research centers and extension offices throughout the state.

Each research student intern is assigned a faculty mentor and an advisor. Before the program begins, several meetings are organized to help the students develop a research project. Steps include defining the hypothesis and objectives, designing the experiment, specifying the protocol, analyzing the data, making a budget, and identifying other project requirements. Students must understand they will be working in a team environment and success in the program depends greatly on how they apply their team building skills.

All Extension student interns will be assigned to an Extension unit in the State of Illinois. Each intern will be paired with an Extension Educator in 1 of 4 program areas: 4-H Youth Development, Family & Consumer Sciences, Agriculture & Natural Resources, or Community Economic Development. The student intern and the educator will work together to develop an Extension program consisting of a complete logic model, program curriculum, evaluation tool, and if time allows an impact statement.

Halfway through the program, students report on the progress of their research or program. At the end of the program, each intern will present their research results or the outcomes of their developed program.
ELIGIBILITY
Applicants must conform to the following eligibility requirements in order to apply.
Applicants must be/have:

- Sophomore or junior for the academic year of 2017-2018, graduating no earlier than May of 2019 from the College of ACES with an overall GPA 3.4 or above
- Enrolled in 2018 Spring Semester but not for summer semester

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Term of Internship
Internships will last a total of 10 weeks, May 28th, 2018 through close of business August 3rd, 2018.

Compensation
You will be paid an hourly wage of $15 on a bi-weekly basis. Total compensation will not exceed $6,000 (gross) for the service period. As a student intern, you will work 40 hours per week. We will accept up to 20 outstanding qualified ACES students.

Academic Credit
This is contingent on your successful completion of the internship and willingness to enroll in a class within your respective department in Spring 2018. To determine eligibility for college credit, please speak with your department academic advisor or contact the College of ACES Office of Academic Programs in 128 Mumford Hall, Phone: 333-3380, email: cacesoap@illinois.edu.

APPLICATION PROCESS
For full consideration please submit: two professional letters of recommendation, your resume, a cover letter and the following application, to the ACES Office of Academic Programs with ATTENTION to:

Mr. Rob Chappell, rchappel@illinois.edu
128 Mumford Hall, MC-710
1301 W. Gregory Dr.
Urbana, IL 61801

Application and required materials need to be submitted by close of business day December 8th, 2017. Letters of Recommendation may be emailed separately to rchappel@illinois.edu