

RESEARCH SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Question: Do I have to be a College of Agricultural and Life Sciences major?**
 - While we prefer students who are majoring in disciplines in the CALS, we are not limiting appointments to this college. The student must, however, be majoring in a subject that can contribute to an Experiment Station project.
- 2. Question: How much will each Intern be paid and how many hours can they work?**
 - The research internship allows for flexibility in work schedule depending on the parameters of the project. A full-time internship (40 hours) is paid at \$560 per week (\$14 per hour) for six weeks. However, some students may work half-time for 12 weeks at \$280 per week. The number of weeks worked is determined by the intern and research professor but are not to exceed 240 hours for the duration of the internship.
- 3. Question: Will I receive academic credit for this internship?**
 - This internship does not provide academic credit automatically. Credit for this internship is a matter to be determined by the student and his or her professors.
- 4. Question: What will be my responsibility as an Intern?**
 - As a research intern you will have the opportunity to see and contribute to the work that Experiment Station Faculty perform. Interns will be asked to work toward achieving one or more objectives of an active Experiment Station Project under the supervision of a faculty member.
- 5. Question: What is the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station?**
 - The Experiment Station is the research program of UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. Each state and territory of the United States has an Experiment Station, each created by the Hatch Act of 1887 and accepted by the respective state or territory. With the exception of Connecticut, Experiment Stations are part of the 1862 Land Grant University within their respective state. Many people see the name, Experiment Station, and look for a place or building. Rather than a place or building, it is the research program of its faculty.
- 6. Question: How does the matching process work?**
 - Research Interns will be matched with Experiment Station Projects acceptable to them and to the recipient faculty. An Internship offer will be made only when both faculty and students agree to the match.
- 7. Question: Are there funds to help with living arrangements?**
 - There are no funds set aside to help with living expenses.
- 8. Question: What are the qualifications for the internship position?**
 - Preference is given to students who are juniors or seniors, currently enrolled and maintaining at least a 3.0 GPA (UF Cumulative), have never had a position in research, and have a strong or potential interest in research. Previous interns of this program are not eligible for a match.
- 9. Question: Can I complete the internship after I graduate?**
 - No. The internship must be completed as an undergraduate.
- 10. Question: When will I find out if I have been selected for an Internship?**
 - We aim to complete the majority of matches by March 31st. Questions or concerns on the status of your application should be directed to Cassandra Sexson (cjlema@ufl.edu).