

# **UT Plateau Research And Education Center Crossville, Tennessee**

## **2012 Summer Internship Opportunity**

Experience a 12-week summer internship of ongoing research within an outdoor laboratory! Located in Crossville, Tennessee, the UT Plateau Research and Education Center serves the scientific community by testing theories under real life conditions. Also nestled within this 675-acre research parcel is the award winning demonstration garden coordinated by the Cumberland County Master Gardener Association (CCMGA), designed to educate residents and visitors of the many challenges of gardening on the Cumberland Plateau.

### **Job Description**

Specifics duties will be developed based on the successful candidates interests/strengths, but will include:

- \* Plateau Discovery Gardens~assist the CCMGA within the demonstration garden.
- \* Lecture~develop and present a mutually agreed upon gardening lecture to the CCMGA membership and/or the annual Fall Gardeners' Festival.
- \* Research project~assist with on-going research including irrigation, weeding, planting, pest management, preparation of seed beds, trellising, composting, fertilizing, using tiller/tools, data collection, and/or other duties as needed.
- \* Production log~record day-to-day activities to assist both the candidate and internship sponsors in understanding and improving the program.

### **Eligibility and Selection**

Open to any college student, with preference as follows:

- \* enrollment in plant sciences and/or related field of study
- \* status of upper class person over lower class person

**Apply by:** February 15, 2012

**On-site interview to be completed by:** March 12, 2012

**Notification by:** March 15, 2012

**Duration:** Twelve week internship between May 1st and September 1st. Specific start and end dates will be mutually agreed upon between UT PREC Director and Candidate.

### **Student requirements**

Interested applicants must be able to lift 25 pounds, be willing and able to work outdoors, and have a valid driver's license.

## **Supervision and Coordination**

The UT PREC Director and Cumberland County UT Extension Agricultural Agent will be responsible for the supervision of the successful candidate. The successful intern will also meet monthly with the selection committee to discuss the experience and progress of the internship opportunity.

## **Application for Internship**

Interested applicants must provide:

- \* completed application (available on the CCMGA and UT PREC websites)
- \* copy of college transcript
- \* resumé

**Completed Application Packet Must Be Received No Later than February 15, 2012 to:**

UT Plateau Research and Education Center  
320 Experiment Station Road  
Crossville, TN 38571-2133

Attn: Internship

**NOTE:** Top applicants will be invited to an on-site interview with the selection committee at a time that is mutually agreeable to both the candidate and committee members.

## **Pay/Stipend/Coursework Benefit:**

- \* \$10 hourly rate based on 40 hour work week
- \* housing included
- \* credit for coursework subject to approval from attending college

## **Comments:**

- \* Interested applicants may call Gregg Upchurch at the UT Extension Office-Cumberland County (931) 484-6743, or Walt Hitch at the UT Plateau Research and Education Center (931) 484-0034 for further information.
- \* To learn more about UT Plateau Research and Education Center, visit <http://plateau.tennessee.edu>
- \* To learn more about the Cumberland County Master Gardener Association, visit <http://www.ccmga.org>
- \* Interested applicants are welcome to visit UT PREC and the surrounding community prior to the submission of the application. (Please call 931-484-0034 to schedule a visit.)

**The Cumberland County Master Gardener Association,  
UT Extension-Cumberland County, and UT Plateau Research and Education Center  
Crossville, Tennessee**

**Application for 12-Week Summer Internship**

Please print legibly

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(street)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(city) (state) (zip)

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Education**

Name and City/State of School Attended	Dates Attended	Diploma/Degree

Currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Classification: \_\_\_\_ Freshman \_\_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_\_ Graduate

Activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Honors: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Special Talents: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Internship and Career Goals

If selected for this internship, what would you expect to gain from this opportunity?

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What are your career interests and goals following graduation?

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## Professional or Faculty References

Name	E-mail or Phone	Relationship
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## Confirmation for Application

Yes	No	
		Are you able to lift 25 pounds?
		Are you willing and able to work outdoors?
		Do you have a valid driver's license?
		Within the past five years, have you been convicted of or pleaded no contest to a felony? (If yes, please explain: _____)

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and complete. I understand that false information may be grounds for not hiring me or for immediate termination of employment at any point in the future if I am hired. I authorize the verification of any or all information listed above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

