If you are a sophomore or junior from ANY of the 7 ACES departments, you are strongly encouraged to apply! The Internship Program will be offered at the Dixon Springs Agricultural Center, the Orr Research and Demonstration Center, St. Charles Horticulture Research Center and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

2015 Request for Applications
KEY DATES

October 8th  Overview of the 2015 ACES Office of Research Sponsored Internship Program

October 15th  Overview of the 2015 ACES Office of Research Sponsored Internship Program

October 31st  All Application Materials Due by 5pm

Interviews will be held during the weeks of November 10th and 17th

ABOUT THE ACES OFFICE OF RESEARCH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The ACES Summer Internship Program is an 11-week program open to sophomores and juniors. This 11-week program started in the summer of 2008 with five student interns from the Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (NRES) and Animal Science (AS) Departments under the sponsorship of the College of ACES Office of Research (OR), in conjunction with its Office of Academic Affairs. In 2009, three new internship positions were created. In 2010, eight DSAC internships were sponsored entirely by the OR and two new departments were included to the list of the previously mentioned departments, Food Science and Human Nutrition (FSHN) and Agricultural and Biological Engineering (ABE). In summer 2011, the program was expanded to 10 interns and the departments of Crop Sciences (CRSC) and Agricultural and Consumer Economics (ACE) also participated with interns. Summer 2012 brought 11 student interns from the departments of NRES, ABE, FSHN and AS and in 2013 it topped the charts with a total of 14 students including the departments of Human and Community Development, Agricultural and Consumer Economics and Agricultural Education Program. 14 student interns participated in and completed the 2014 internship program.

The Internship Program gives ACES undergraduates a hands-on learning experience that covers all stages of research, from experimental design and layout to data collection, analysis, and reporting.

Each 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.

Halfway through the program, students report on the progress of their research. At the end of the program, each intern will write a report and present their research results.

The Program is open to any ACES sophomore or junior with an overall GPA of 3.75 who is enrolled in the spring semester preceding the program but not enrolled for the summer semester.
ELIGIBILITY
Applicants must conform to the following eligibility requirements in order to apply.
Applicants must have:

- GPA of 3.75
- Enrolled in 2015 Spring Semester but not for summer semester
- College of ACES undergraduate student currently enrolled at the time of application

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Term of Internship
Internships will last a total of 11 weeks, May 18th, 2015 through close of business July 31st, 2015.

Compensation
You will be paid an hourly wage of $17.05 on a bi-weekly basis. Total compensation will not exceed $7,500 (gross) for the service period. As a student intern, you will work 40 hours per week.

Academic Credit
This is contingent on your successful completion of the internship and willingness to enroll in a class within your respective department in Fall 2015. 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 Research with ATTENTION to:

Dr. Elvira de Mejia, edemejia@illinois.edu or Claudia Gaston, cgaston@illinois.edu
228 Mumford Hall, MC-710
1301 W. Gregory Dr.
Urbana, IL 61801

(double-click on the PDF icon)

Application and required materials need to be submitted by close of business day, October 31, 2014.
Letters of Recommendation may be emailed separately to edemejia@illinois.edu or cgaston@illinois.edu
You will be notified of acceptance no later than November 21st, 2014.