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Graduate and/or Undergraduate Student Extension Internship in Clear Creek County, Colorado

The proposed internship goals, scope, and objectives will include, but may not be limited to:

- Identify novel COVID-19 research and extension opportunities within the Clear County Department of Public and Environmental Health and in collaboration with Colorado State University COVID-19 biorepository/biobanking.
- Support ongoing local community health assessments and gather information on community perceptions for engagement in public health research (including COVID-19 screening and vaccinations, relief efforts, mental health etc.)
- Administer validated quality of life instruments/surveys to households and local businesses with respect to COVID-19 impacts.

The intern will work directly with CSU faculty (Dr. Elizabeth Ryan) and CSU Extension director and agent (Christine Crouse) as well as stakeholder group(s) that may include, but not be limited to, local public health department staff, 4-H clubs, garden clubs, the local food bank (Loaves and Fishes), and senior groups. Local businesses in Idaho Springs, Dumont, Lawson, Empire, Sliver Plume and Georgetown should also be considered important stakeholders as well as invested residents in the health of these communities.

Student learning outcomes and opportunities for professional development include field sampling techniques, rural participatory research assessments, human subjects and community based research ethics and regulatory protocol development and training, data collection and pandemic preparedness and response in rural Colorado communities.

There will be a balance between mentor-supervisor project support tasks and individualized-project team learning experiences. These will be accompanied by regular communications with local county government staff and operations personnel. The intern background and focus areas of interest in the field of public health will be considered in early stages of the internship for influence on the level of supervisor/mentor involvement in daily/weekly activities.

No travel funds available or opportunities to provide student assistance with housing are available at this time. Access to a personal vehicle is highly recommended. Local county offices and work-field sites are located along I-70 in Idaho Springs and Georgetown, with the county borders between Evergreen/Floyd Hill and Loveland Ski resort.