

Extension/Campus connections

1. Extension agent/specialist mentor name and county/region.

Robin Young, Archuleta County, Southwest Region

2. Are there any other identified mentors (e.g. campus-based faculty/staff or other Extension personnel) associated with this project?

John Sanderson, Center for Collaborative Conservation Director

3. In what region(s) will the student be working (county/region)?

State wide, campus, and various Extension offices

4. Please describe the proposed internship goals, scope, and objectives.

This is an opportunity for a student to get in depth experience with Extension offices across the state, work with Extension agents on programs and projects, and make connections with Extension specialists and appointments. The overall goal of the project is to synthesize programs, activities, and resources off and on campus so that faculty, staff, and field agents are more knowledgeable about opportunities to advance their work. Objectives are to: (1) summarize Extension programs, resources, and operations as a resource for campus-based staff and faculty, (2) identify research, programs, and resources on campus that may be useful to field agents, and (3) compile a list of on-campus faculty and staff with Extension appointments and describe the focus of their appointments. The intern may also have an opportunity to engage on one or two Extension projects that are founded on a strong campus-field relationship.

5. How was this applied research project identified?

CSU's VP of Engagement and Extension has been making plans and taking actions to improve the effectiveness of CSU Extension, including the relationship of field agents to faculty and staff on campus. There is a need for Extension field agents, specialists, and those with Extension appointments to have a more cohesive relationship. There are gaps within the system, redundant work, and expertise that isn't being utilized because there isn't centralized communication within Extension. The intern will research pre and post knowledge of CSU Extension appointments to gain insight to improve field/campus communications.

6. With which stakeholder group(s) will the intern work?

Campus departments and units within colleges, County Extension offices, Office of Engagement and Extension, Center for Collaborative Conservation.

7. What student learning outcomes do you anticipate and are there opportunities for professional development?

The student will gain extensive knowledge on Extension programming, projects, and personnel who have Extension responsibilities.

8. Do you have a specific mentor style that you would like to share with potential interns?

I am a hands on Mentor. I believe that interns learn best when they feel the environment is an open learning atmosphere. They have the freedom to tailor their program to their needs and offer their ideas.

9. Are travel funds available? Opportunities to provide student assistance with housing?

Yes to travel and housing