



Scholarship, Sustainability, and Civic Engagement Program

PENN STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

Interested in solving community problems? Check out our Scholarship, Sustainability, and Civic Engagement Program. It's more than a summer internship in your junior year. It's a unique opportunity to team with community development professionals, gain field-related experience, earn credits, and test-drive your interest in a community development career.

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Is the Scholarship, Sustainability, and Civic Engagement Program right for ME?



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This program integrates **Community, Environment and Development (CED) studies with an embedded summer internship** in an approved host community. Introductory course work and selection of an actual community sustainability project take place in the spring. **The internship offers a unique opportunity for hands-on experience.** Paired with a local project team, you will explore and work on project challenges and solutions and gain insight to possible career choices. **You will receive mentoring, coaching, guidance, and support from team professionals and your professor.** Learning and discovery will continue with reflective classroom discussions and self-evaluation in the fall and your mentorship of the next student cohort the following spring.

EXAMPLES OF ACTUAL PROJECTS

- **Conduct a community needs assessment for the host community's strategic plan and vision for a successful future.**
- **Examine the potential scope of a human-trafficking problem along a major Pennsylvania interstate highway, and explore strategies to address this issue.**
- **Create a practical strategy for a farmer's market and local community organizations to partner and promote better childhood nutrition.**



The three-semester, seven-credit program is designed for students interested in community development, community decision-making, local leadership, and discovering how communities work through issues. Students from all majors at Penn State are welcome to apply. Participants are expected to commit to the full sequence. It can be taken for Honors option.

SPRING 2016

- **CED 497 (2.5 credits) Introduction—two-student teams paired with community host teams, project selection, and initiation of work**

SUMMER

- **CED 495 (0.5 credit) Professional internship that takes place in host community**

FALL

- **CED 475 (3 credits) Scholarly reflection and debriefing—share internship experiences in facilitated classroom discussions, debrief, and finalize projects**
- **CED 495 (1 credit) Mentor next student cohort—share knowledge and experience, coach, and lead**



COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO BEGIN THE PROGRAM IN SPRING 2016 ARE DUE:

- **APRIL 24, 2015 (EARLY ACCEPTANCE)**
- **SEPTEMBER 18, 2015 (REGULAR ACCEPTANCE)**

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