

14 - 4-H Program Development and Delivery

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Region Participation

Douglas County

Goals, Scope, and Objective

Douglas County Extension offers robust programs in 4-H youth development, horticulture, small acreage, and outreach. The Douglas County 4-H program currently involves more than 500 youth in 4-H clubs, more than 2,400 youth participating in outreach activities, and 206 adult volunteers.

The internship will focus on developing 4-H educational and leadership programming for youth and volunteers, creating program outreach and marketing plans, and building partnerships with community organizations such as the Lowell Ranch's Colorado Agriculture Leadership Foundation (CALF), Cherokee Ranch and Castle, and the Douglas County Youth Initiative. The internship will provide promotion, planning, and implementation of the 4-H Cloverbud Camp, 4-H Astronomy Night, 4-H activities at CALF's Farm and Ranch Day, 4-H day camps, and events and activities at the Douglas County Fair and Rodeo in collaboration with 4-H and Extension staff. The internship will assist in program promotion and outreach activities throughout the county.

PRU Activities

The internship will support traditional 4-H club and project initiatives which culminate at the Douglas County Fair and Rodeo as well as summer and school enrichment programs that focus on content areas such as agricultural literacy, natural resources, animal sciences, family consumer sciences, and STEM.

Learning Outcome/Professional Development

This internship will provide the student with learning opportunities focusing on developing partnerships with community leaders and organizations, needs assessment, communication skills, teamwork, successful work habits, critical thinking and problem solving, professional resiliency, and adaptability. The internship will also be an excellent entrepreneurial opportunity for a student to learn transferable skills related program development and delivery from the ground up as Douglas County Extension enters a program building phase that incorporates community interests and ideas very deliberately.

Stakeholder Support

This internship will actively collaborate with the Colorado Agriculture Leadership Foundation (CALF), Cherokee Ranch and Castle, the Douglas County Youth Initiative, and the Douglas County Fair and Rodeo. These four organizations have vested interests in creating positive youth development programs that meet the needs of youth in Douglas County. Ultimately, this work and position is strongly supported by Douglas County and Colorado State University Extension in Douglas County.

Travel Funds

Travel funds will be available through Douglas County Extension and we are exploring the possibility of providing a modest housing stipend for this internship.