

<b>Apprenticeship Title:</b>	<b>Home Vegetable Garden Trials and Green Industry Outreach Apprenticeship</b>
<b>Duration:</b>	12 weeks (approximately May – August, 2017 – <i>these dates are flexible based on applicant's home university's summer semester start and end dates</i> )
<b>Compensation:</b>	\$500/week plus benefits and travel allowance for job-related travel
<b>Minimum age:</b>	18
<b>Minimum requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be currently enrolled in a four-year accredited college or university. Preference will be given to students majoring in horticulture, agronomy, biological sciences, environmental sciences, or other relevant course of study.</li> <li>• Must have completed sophomore year prior to the start of the program.</li> <li>• Must possess a minimum GPA of 3.0 based on a 4.0 scale at the time of application (exceptions will be considered with substantial justification).</li> <li>• Must be a U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident.</li> <li>• Have a valid driver's license and reliable personal vehicle.</li> <li>• Must be willing to travel (regionally and possibly internationally) and work flexible hours. In other words, this position requires travel connected with official duties, including attendance at night and weekend meetings, conferences, etc. (Travel reimbursement will be provided.)</li> </ul>
<b>Preferred qualifications:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have experience working with volunteers and youth.</li> <li>• Able to work effectively and build relationships with others.</li> <li>• Have good organization and planning skills and be able to demonstrate effective project coordination, facilitation, and implementation based on past work or school experiences.</li> <li>• Possess deductive reasoning skills and be able to analyze and synthesize information.</li> <li>• Have a personal commitment to working with diverse clientele and colleagues.</li> <li>• Knowledge of operating and maintaining horticultural and landscape equipment.</li> </ul>
<b>Physical requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 pounds</li> <li>• Must be able to work outside in all types of weather</li> </ul>
<b>Additional Requirements</b>	None
<b>Specific Apprenticeship Duties:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When the apprentice begins working in May the trial plants will be planted and data collection will begin approximately four weeks after planting.</li> <li>• The Mid-South Green Industry Conference is held at the beginning of June and the apprentice will be responsible for preparing the trial and leading the tour through the vegetable trials.</li> <li>• Preparation for the Great Southern Tomato Tasting will begin in May and promotion for the event will take place throughout the month of June. The event is held in early July and the apprentice will be responsible for coordinating the setup.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The vegetable trials are terminated at the end of July. During the month of August, the apprentice will spend time analyzing and reporting data and translating the results into an Extension product.</li> <li>• The student will present apprenticeship results at the American Society of Horticultural Sciences Southern Region meeting in Jacksonville, Florida in January 2018 with faculty mentor, Dr. Geoff Denny.</li> </ul>
<b>General Apprenticeship Description:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works with an MSU Extension faculty specialist/mentor and other Extension personnel to coordinate research and implement related outreach program events and activities.</li> <li>• Maintains an ongoing, professional relationship with your assigned faculty mentor.</li> <li>• Participates in meetings where local issues are identified and prioritized, and program results and plans are discussed.</li> <li>• Assists in preparations for planned events and activities by gathering information, assembling materials, contacting participants, and soliciting support from external sources. As appropriate, conducts the teaching, training or other program presentations.</li> <li>• In some cases, the apprentice may identify and develop a value-added process, program, or training tool that may be implemented within the hosting unit's current operations.</li> <li>• Maintains a reflection journal outlining apprenticeship experiences. Completes and submits journal at the conclusion of the apprenticeship.</li> <li>• Will be expected to develop and present a poster or presentation at an industry-related conference or professional meeting identified by the Extension faculty specialist.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Information:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing is not provided. However, program administrators may be able to assist you in finding an affordable place to live.</li> <li>• The student will present internship results at the American Society of Horticultural Sciences Southern Region meeting in Jacksonville, Florida in January 2018.</li> </ul>
<b>Apprenticeship Faculty Mentor:</b>	<p><b>Dr. Geoffrey Denny</b>  <b>Assistant Extension Professor</b>  <b>Room 104, Environmental Plant Physiology Lab, 500 Technology Blvd. Box 9555</b>  <b>(662) 325-1682</b>  <a href="mailto:gcd42@msstate.edu">gcd42@msstate.edu</a></p>
<b>Application Process:</b>	<p><a href="#">Online application</a> and supplemental documentation due by <b>11:59 PM on February 28, 2017</b>. Supplemental documentation for this apprenticeship opportunity includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short Essay</li> <li>• Current Resume</li> <li>• Unofficial Transcripts</li> <li>• Two Letters of Recommendation (submitted to <a href="mailto:mdd269@msstate.edu">mdd269@msstate.edu</a> by Feb 28<sup>th</sup>)</li> </ul>