



<b>Title:</b>	<b>Economic Analysis of Mississippi Communities</b>
<b>Duration:</b>	10 weeks (approximately May – August 2021); 40 hours per week
<b>Compensation:</b>	\$4,000 stipend and job-related travel reimbursement
<b>Minimum age:</b>	18
<b>Minimum requirements:</b> (current as of April 2021)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Must be enrolled in a four-year accredited college or university.</li><li>♦ Must have completed sophomore year prior to the start of the program. Must NOT be eligible to graduate prior to December 2021.</li><li>♦ Must possess a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 based on a 4.0 scale at the time of application.</li><li>♦ Must be a U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident.</li><li>♦ Must have a valid driver’s license and reliable personal vehicle.</li><li>♦ Must be willing to travel (regionally) and work flexible hours (approximately 40 hours/week. This position may require travel connected with official duties, including attendance at night and weekend meetings, conferences, etc.</li><li>♦ Must have satisfactorily completed Introduction to Agricultural Economics or equivalent course (e.g. Principles of Microeconomics)</li><li>♦ Must have satisfactorily completed Calculus for Business (or equivalent)</li></ul>
<b>Preferred qualifications:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Good writing and communication skills.</li><li>♦ Self-motivated learner that can coordinate and implement projects.</li><li>♦ Committed to working with diverse clientele and colleagues.</li><li>♦ Ability to work effectively and build relationships with others.</li><li>♦ Experience with Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel.</li><li>♦ Interest in economics as a career</li></ul>
<b>Physical requirements:</b>	None
<b>Apprenticeship Description:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Work with an MSU Extension mentor and other Extension personnel and stakeholders to coordinate research and implement related outreach program events and activities. Examples include:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ Perform appropriate analyses on economic shocks that impact a local economy.</li><li>➢ Identify relevant factors that affect the analyses</li><li>➢ Develop written and verbal reports and presentations that convey the analyses to a wide variety of stakeholders including elected officials, economic development organizations, and community residents</li></ul></li><li>♦ Participate in meetings where local issues are identified and prioritized, and program results and plans are discussed. Assist in preparations for planned events and activities by gathering information, assembling materials, contacting participants, and soliciting support from external sources. As appropriate, conduct the training or other program presentations.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ Participate in community stakeholder meetings and assist mentor in identifying relevant issues that should be included in any analysis</li><li>➢ Present analyses to community stakeholders with assistance/backup from the Extension mentor.</li></ul></li><li>♦ Maintain a reflection journal outlining apprenticeship experiences.</li><li>♦ Develop and present a poster or presentation at an industry-related conference or professional meeting identified by the Extension mentor.</li></ul>

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If you have questions about this Economic Analysis apprenticeship opportunity, contact:

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**Other  
Information:**

Housing is not provided. However, program administrators may be able to assist you in finding an affordable place to live. To learn more about the MSU Extension Undergraduate Apprenticeship Program, visit <http://extension.msstate.edu/apprentice>.

**Application**

Online application due by **11:59 PM on February 14, 2021**. To apply visit:

**Process:**

<https://bit.ly/2021MSUESApprenticeship>

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