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Summer Intern Position Announcement: Climate & Extreme Weather Fellowship with eXtension Foundation and the UF/IFAS Program for Resource Efficient Communities

Overview: The [Florida Cooperative Extension Service](#) and UF/IFAS Program for Resource Efficient Communities (PREC) are looking for a creative, resourceful, and motivated graduate-level (M.S. or PhD) student interested in sustainability; climate change mitigation, adaptation, and outreach; community resource development; environmental journalism; and/or public-interest communications to join our team this summer and into the fall semester as a Climate & Extreme Weather Fellowship Intern. This is a 4 to 6-month hourly position sponsored by the eXtension Foundation and supported with a \$6,000 stipend.

The successful candidate will work collaboratively with the [eXtension Foundation](#) and a national team of eXtension [Climate and Extreme Weather Fellows](#) from the University of Florida, Utah State University, and Montana State University Cooperative Extension. They will work virtually (in adherence with COVID-19 institutional procedures and policies) for 20-30 hours per week with flexible scheduling. The Climate Fellows Intern will report to Jennison Kipp, PREC Ecological Economist and Sustainable FloridiansSM State Coordinator with UF/IFAS PREC and the Center for Land Use Efficiency (CLUE).

Duties: With the goal of establishing a strategic roadmap for the U.S. Cooperative Extension Service (CES) to move forward in prioritizing and addressing climate change and extreme weather solutions, the intern will work as part of the eXtension Climate Fellows Team to:

- (1) Review [Project Drawdown](#) solutions and similar global and national (U.S.) climate-focused programs;
- (2) Inventory and catalogue CES programs with a major focus on climate change and extreme weather mitigation and/or adaptation solutions.
- (3) Analyze data from a CES Climate Change national survey.
- (4) Cross-compare CES programs with climate actions and solutions to identify outcomes, impacts, and existing gaps and opportunities.
- (5) Develop a user-friendly database of existing CES programming in collaboration with a Climate Fellows Intern based out of Utah State University.
- (6) Creatively capture and convey stories of select CES climate and extreme weather programs to highlight successes and effectively communicate strategies for expanding CES climate solutions, program partnerships, and collective impacts.

Qualifications: This position is open to all current students and recent M.S. or PhD graduates from UF or Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU). Applicants should have: completed or be pursuing a master's degree focused on a relevant field (e.g. interdisciplinary ecology, environmental or earth sciences, sustainability and resilience, community development, urban planning, environmental journalism); interest in research and outreach pertaining to climate change mitigation and adaptation; strong organizational, writing, and communication skills; and experience working on cross-disciplinary projects with diverse and collaborative-oriented teams. Preference will be given to candidates with academic training and/or professional experience in environmental journalism or public-interest communications and those with climate change issues and solutions as a primary career focus.

The eXtension Foundation, UF/IFAS Extension, FAMU Cooperative Extension, and our national Climate Fellows Team believe that diversity is an essential and powerful asset to any collaborative effort, regardless of project scope and disciplinary focus. We are committed to including, elevating, and amplifying the talents and voices of Black and minority-ethnicity individuals in climate research and outreach, aim to reach a broad and diverse pool of prospective applicants with this announcement, and strongly encourage students and candidates of color to apply.

To apply, please email: (1) a cover letter stating your career goals, professional and personal interest in this opportunity, how you would benefit from the internship, and how you are uniquely qualified to fill the position; (2) a current C.V./resume (2-3 pages); (3) unofficial transcripts; and (4) contact information for two academic or professional references to Jennison Kipp at mjkipp@ufl.edu. Place "Climate Fellows Intern" in the email subject line. If you have any questions about the position, please do not hesitate to contact me before submitting your application.

Best Regards,



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