Internships

Every plant science or food systems student is required to complete at least one approved internship and internship course during the course of their undergraduate career. While one internship is required, it is suggested to do more during college to get a variety of experiences.

Finding an Internship

- GoldPass
- Career and Internship Services
- Seed Your Future - Internship Search Tool
- The Department's Internship Folder

Getting Credit for Your Internship

Simply taking part in an internship is not enough to receive credit for it. To receive credit, you must take either HORT 4096W or AGRO 4096W, or CFAN 3096. After identifying a potential internship, students must first consult with their faculty mentor to make sure their internship qualifies for academic credit. Prior to the start of your internship, students must complete the Internship Registration to document what their final project will look like. After submitting the form and getting it approved, you will get an email from Lauren Matushin (HORT 4096W Sec 001) or Lynne Medgaarden (AGRO 4096W) with a permission number to register for the class you selected.

Please note: HORT 4096W has two versions that differ by semester: The Fall semester course offering is for all general student internships and is taught by Professor Mary Rogers. This is the class section most students will register for. The Spring semester course offering is reserved for those students already enrolled in the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Scholars Program.

If you are doing your internship during the summer, you should register for the course in the fall afterward, but make sure to complete your Internship Registration at the end of spring semester prior to your summer internship. For example, if you do an internship in the summer of 2020, you would complete the paperwork at the beginning of spring 2020, conduct your internship in summer 2020, and register to take the class in fall 2020.

- Internship Registration For HORT 4096W or AGRO 4096W
- Syllabus for HORT 4096W
- Syllabus for AGRO 4069W
- Information on CFAN 3096
- Final Internship Evaluation - Employer
- Final Internship Evaluation - Student
Unpaid Internship Grant

Many internships in the plant sciences are paid. However, on occasion, an internship will turn up that provides invaluable experience but is unpaid. CFANS undergraduate students who have secured an unpaid internship within the United States are eligible to apply for one of several internship grants of up to $1,000. Students are selected for this grant based on the relationship of the internship experience to their academic and career goals. Apply through Career and Internship Services. Application deadlines vary by semester.