

Call for Extension Nutrition Intern- Summer 2019

We are seeking applicants with a strong desire to engage internationally through family nutrition-related activities. The USAID *Tworore Inkoko, Twunguke* project (or “let’s raise chickens and make a profit” in the local Rwandan language) involves an interdisciplinary team of UTIA faculty and staff who seek to provide 750 Rwandan smallholders the skills and access to credit to successfully raise broiler chickens. The goal of the project is to improve economic opportunities in Rwanda as well as household nutrition by means of direct consumption of chicken meat or through improved access to more nutritious and diverse foods.

Internship description and duties:

The family nutrition intern will assist the team in various nutrition-based activities and projects both in Tennessee and Rwanda. The intern will be joining the team for monthly project meetings (in-person either in Knoxville or via Zoom) before and after he/she travels to Rwanda. While in Tennessee, the intern will participate in conference calls with the Rwanda-based team to learn about our current nutrition education materials produced by Gardens for Health International (GHI) and UT nutrition specialists.

While in Rwanda, the intern will work with our Rwanda-based nutrition specialist, Tracy Bucyana, to conduct nutrition trainings at village sites. He/she will also assist in qualitative/quantitative research activities appropriate to their level of experience. The intern will be based at our team’s project site, Zamura Feeds, which works to implement the broiler project. A team of twelve or more individuals, also based at Zamura Feeds, will work closely with the intern, including other students and employees from US universities. He/she will be expected to contribute in all aspects of the broiler project and to engage with project farmers as much as possible, in addition to the nutrition trainings.

Deliverables include writing a weekly blog post to share his/her experiences with University of Tennessee personnel across the state. The opportunity will provide the intern a unique experience working with a multi-disciplinary, multi-cultural team. The will also have the opportunity to live and work in an East African country while in a secure environment. There will also be an opportunity to work with Family & Consumer Science Extension agents at the county level.

Length of internship: TN-based starting Spring 2019 through Fall 2019, with approximately 6 weeks spent in Musanze, Rwanda in Summer 2019

Rwanda travel dates: Somewhat fluid but likely to start around the last week of May and ending the second week of July, overlapping with the UT VOLeaders during their visit to Rwanda (June 27-July 7)

Costs/Funding: Round-trip airfare will be paid for by the Rwanda project (USAID *Tworore Inkoko, Twunguke*) through the UTIA Smith International Center. It is the responsibility of the intern to cover all living expenses (approx. \$1,500 or less) or secure a scholarship. Various possibilities for funding will be discussed with the intern.

Qualifications: UT students currently enrolled in their junior year of undergraduate studies or currently enrolled in a graduate program are eligible. Candidates need to have an interest in extension or learning more about Extension as well as international studies.

Field of study: A nutrition-related major or minor are preferred. Candidates focusing on other areas of study at the University of Tennessee such as food science, education and international agriculture and natural resources may apply.

Grade point average: Minimum of 3.0 cumulative average

Before travel to Rwanda: The intern will be responsible for making sure that (s)he has all needed vaccinations and medications that are required as indicated by the CDC travel site and his/her physician. The intern must have a valid passport that is valid for at least six months after return from Rwanda.

To apply: Please email Patsy Watkins (pwatkin2@utk.edu) with the following items:

- CV/resume
- Please submit in 150 words or less a brief description of your overseas travel experience, why you want to participate in the program, and what you hope to contribute to the project

Deadline to apply is January 11, 2019.