Internships are wonderful learning experiences for students in the University of Georgia’s Department of Financial Planning, Housing and Consumer Economics (FHCE). Internships give students opportunities to apply what they have learned in the classroom, learn and practice appropriate workplace behaviors, build on strengths and address weaknesses, and discover future directions as they begin their professional careers. None of this is possible without a supervisor who takes the time to make the internship a true learning experience for the students.

Expectations for FHCE Internship Supervisors

1. Commit to investing in the professional development of the student through training, mentoring, and other means

2. Agree upon objectives for the student’s internship

3. Discuss compensation (or lack of) with the student

4. Commit to providing the intern the opportunity to work the required number of hours to earn academic credit (Students are required to work 50 hours for each hour of academic credit. Many students register for 3 academic credit hours.)

5. Complete and discuss with the student a mid-term and final evaluation. Both evaluations consist of two parts. The first is a checklist to evaluate the intern's personal and professional performance. Then there are two open-end questions about the intern's strengths and areas of improvements. Although not required, it is beneficial to the student to provide a letter of recommendation at the end of the internship.
Most students seek summer internships.

The UGA Internship Guide available at hireuga.com will guide you through writing a job description for your internship and making other decisions about the intern’s experience.

Contact Dr. Brenda Cude (bcude@uga.edu, 706.542.4857) to discuss opportunities to offer internship placements to FHCE majors. We will announce opportunities via a departmental listserv as well as in classes, including a one-hour course that prepares students for the internship experience. We also welcome speakers (time permitting) in that course to describe your internship opportunity.