



## Scholarship, Sustainability, and Civic Engagement Program

PENN STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

**I**nterested in solving community problems? Check out our Scholarship, Sustainability, and Civic Engagement Program. It's more than a summer internship in your junior year. It's a unique opportunity to team with community development professionals, gain field-related experience, earn credits, and test-drive your interest in a community development career.



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This program integrates **Community, Environment, and Development (CED) studies with an embedded summer internship** in a host community. Introductory course work and selection of a community sustainability project take place in the spring. **The internship offers a unique opportunity for hands-on experience.** Paired with a local project team, you will explore and work on project challenges and solutions and gain insight to possible career choices. **You will receive mentoring, coaching, guidance, and support from team professionals and your professor.** Learning and discovery will continue with reflective classroom discussions and self-evaluation in the fall and your mentorship of the next student cohort.

## EXAMPLES OF ACTUAL PROJECTS

- **Strengthen connections between community gardens and community development.**
- **Develop a Rails-to-Trails network to promote economic sustainability in the local community.**
- **Address food access issues due to the closing of a major grocery store.**
- **Improve public access to and recreational use of the town's riverfront.**

This year's partnership communities are Huntingdon, Lock Haven, McKees Rocks, New Castle, and Philadelphia.



The three-semester, seven-credit program is designed for students interested in community development, community decision-making, local leadership, and discovering how communities work through issues. Students from all majors at Penn State are welcome to apply. Participants are expected to commit to the full sequence.

### SPRING

- **CED 497 (3 credits) Introduction—two-student teams are paired with community host teams, project selection, and initiation of work.**

### SUMMER

- **CED 497 (1 credit) Professional internship that takes place in host community.**

### FALL

- **CED 475 (3 credits) Scholarly reflection and debriefing—share internship experiences in facilitated classroom discussions, debrief and finalize projects, and mentor next student cohort.**



**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO BEGIN THE PROGRAM IN SPRING 2017 ARE DUE:**

**APRIL 22, 2016  
(EARLY ACCEPTANCE)**

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2016  
(REGULAR ACCEPTANCE)**

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