

Georgia Crop Improvement Association & Georgia Seed Development Commission Summer Internship in Plant Breeding

The Georgia Crop Improvement Association (GCIA) and Georgia Seed Development Commission (GSDC) are sponsoring a plant breeding internship under the guidance of faculty members of the UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics (IPBGG). Junior and senior undergraduate students are welcome to apply for this internship; students at UGA or at other colleges or universities may apply. The goal of the internship is to provide students opportunities to learn how plant breeding programs function and how cultivars are developed and commercialized. In addition to working directly with a PBGG, UGA plant breeder, interns will also participate in activities with the GSDC and GCIA to observe the entire process of cultivar development, commercialization, and distribution. Internship projects may be focused on an academic research question, although this is not essential. Interns enrolled at UGA can receive academic credit for the internship by enrolling in PBGG 3910, Extended Summer Session. A student in the summer-long internship will be provided with a scholarship from GCIA & GSDC of \$5,000. Any travel will be covered by GCIA & GSDC

The Summer Internship will run from the middle of May through August 1st. You will be required to work 10 weeks at 40 hours per week. Since Summer Extended session is 11 weeks, some weeks you will only work 4 days. A paper will be due as a final and must be approved by GCIA and GSDC and submitted to your sponsoring PBGG faculty for a grade.

To apply for the internship, applicants need to submit their CV and a Statement of Purpose (SOP) on why they would be a good fit for this internship program. In the SOP, applicants should identify a UGA plant breeder faculty mentor that is a member of the Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics. Once an applicant is selected they will have a meeting with GCIA, GSDC and the IPBGG faculty to develop the specific goals and activities. Applicants should submit their CV, SOP and a letter from the plant breeder agreeing to serve as mentor, by **mid-April and will be notified within 2 weeks.** **More information will be available in January of each year.**

Submit all materials by email to pbgg@uga.edu.