

Title:	How Has the COVID-19 Pandemic Affected the Prices of Healthy Foods? A Closer Look at Fresh Produce
Duration:	10 weeks (May - August 2022, depending on the student's academic schedule.)
Compensation:	\$4,000 stipend (minus taxes), plus job-related travel reimbursement
Minimum age:	18
Minimum requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enrolled in a four-year accredited college or university in a course of study related to Agricultural Economics, Economics, or related field. ● Completed sophomore year prior to the start of the program. ● NOT eligible to graduate prior to December 2022. ● Minimum GPA of 3.0 based on a 4.0 scale at the time of application. ● U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident. ● Able to travel regionally/nationally (including to the AAEA's 2022 annual conference which will take place in Anaheim, CA, in early August 2022). ● Able to work an average of 40 hours per week based on a flexible but mutually agreed schedule (that is, outside of a traditional M-F, 8-5 schedule).
Preferred qualifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Great quantitative, writing, and communication skills. ● Curious, self-motivated learner that can coordinate and implement projects. ● Ability to work effectively and build relationships with others. ● Committed to working with diverse populations. ● Interest in integrating research & Extension. ● Interest in learning about graduate school. ● Proficient in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel. Familiarity with Tableau would be an asset.
Physical requirements:	None
Apprenticeship Description:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Work with an MSU Extension mentor and other Extension personnel and stakeholders to conduct research and implement outreach programs related to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on food prices. ● Learn to develop a spreadsheet-based decision tool. ● Coauthor an MSU Extension publication. ● Deliver findings through a poster and oral presentations (tentatively at the AAEA's 2022 annual conference and the MSU Spring 2023 Undergraduate Research Symposium). ● Participate in regular progress meetings and other meetings as needed (e.g., a meeting where local issues are identified and prioritized and program results and plans are discussed). Potentially assist in preparations for planned events and activities by gathering information, assembling materials, contacting participants, and soliciting support from external sources. As appropriate, help conduct the teaching, training or other program presentations. ● Maintain a reflection journal outlining apprenticeship experiences.
Other Information:	<p>This apprenticeship is based in Starkville, MS. Housing is not provided. However, program administrators may be able to assist you in finding an affordable place to live.</p> <p>For specific questions about this undergraduate apprenticeship opportunity, please email: Dr. Alba Collart, Associate Extension Professor Department of Agricultural Economics Mississippi State University Email: alba.collart@msstate.edu</p>
Application Process:	Online application due by 11:59 PM on February 14, 2022.