



YA4-H! Internship FAQs

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What will I do?

The YA4-H! team is focusing on opioid-use prevention. Teen interns will work within the YA4-H! club in a team with WSU faculty, staff, and 4-H volunteers to learn about this important issue, brainstorm local solutions, and then take action by completing a teen-led community project. Teen interns will:

- Participate in team meetings (once a week)
- Complete research and project assignments (*for example, you may be asked to find and review news articles about local health issues, interview friends/family/others about local health issues, or create content for social media posts*)
- Work with teammates to complete work and brainstorm ideas
- Work with teammates to complete a teen-led community project

Tell me more

- **Take-PART:** Take-PART is **participatory action research** with teens. Interns in this project will be learning about opioids, opioids-use and abuse, prevention ideas, and conducting their own social science research about substance use. Interns in this project will brainstorm, vote on, design, and complete a community action project related to opioid-use/abuse. This could look like so many different things! We won't know until the interns vote: A social media campaign? Posters in schools and around town? An educational booth at the farmer's market? Or 100 other ideas! FYI: Substance use is a complex topic, it's possible the team may also explore social connections, friendship, mental health, or more as we learn and select project ideas.

What's the difference between an internship and a job?

An internship is mainly focused on teaching you the skills necessary to complete the work or role. Jobs typically offer a short training period but then require you to work independently from that point on. So, we will be learning-by-doing as we work together. These internships are also taking place within a club-like environment, so we will be developing leadership skills, having fun, and team-building in addition to developing job skills.



What is the schedule?

- **Take-PART:** We plan to start the Take-PART project first. Meeting once a week starting on April 6 and ending in June. We will meet on Tuesday afternoons at 4pm. A typical work week will look like: 1.5 hours of team time, and 1 hour of independent or partner work.

Is everything online?

To start, yes! Right now all 4-H programs, including this one are online or at-a-distance. We'll meet over Zoom as a team, but some work will happen on your own time away from the computer. When 4-H programming is allowed to take place in-person we'll hold conversations about what we wish to do moving forward. Since interns will probably live in multiple areas around Clallam County, it is likely that team meetings will continue online regardless of COVID-concerns.

Does it pay?

Interns who complete the project will receive a \$50 gift card to a local business.

How old do I need to be?

YA4-H! internships are designed for teens within 4-H's senior age division that means you should be 14-18 years old by October 1st, 2020.

Do I have to be a 4-H member to apply?

No.

How do I apply?

Head to <https://tinyurl.com/ClallamYPAR> to submit your application!

We are hoping to hire 15 teen interns across Clallam and Jefferson Counties, so please invite any friends who may also like this opportunity to connect with us. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas please reach out to Vicki at <mailto:Victoria.wegener@wsu.edu> or call/text 360-460-4423.