

University of Kentucky Student Sustainability Internship Program Urban Forest Internship



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Unit Association: Urban Forest Initiative (UFI)

I support the work of Nic Williamson, a Forestry graduate student and co-founder of UFI. During this internship, I've created a Twitter account for UFI and have been posting Adopt-A-Tree narratives and urban forest related stories on our Facebook page. In addition, I have planned and organized both the spring and fall editions of "Mulch Madness," a service project where students and faculty mulch trees on campus to help UK maintain Tree Campus USA status. I've also tabled for UFI at several events in the community and have been trying to implement our Adopt-A-Tree program in more classrooms and schools throughout Lexington.



Each Sustainability Intern is required to have their own independent project; mine is a "Tree Walk". I have selected 50 trees throughout campus that will be labeled with their common name, scientific name, native range, and a QR code linking to a fun-fact relating to each tree's species. Be on the lookout for these signs when walking through campus – trees are full of knowledge!

