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Job Title: Medicaid Budget Intern: Econometrics and Forecasting
Company: The Ohio Department of Medicaid

How did you find your internship?
During the summer of 2018, my advisor Katie Miller, attached an opportunity for an internship in an email to all AEDE students through the State of Ohio Medicaid Department. As it turns out, the Medicaid Chief Economist is a graduate of CFAES so the alumni connection was in my favor. I had a flexible class schedule and I was able to complete my internship hours during the school year!

What is your favorite part of the internship?
From policy and project management to budgeting, I really enjoy seeing all the moving pieces of the Medicaid program. One meeting in particular, I was able to brainstorm with healthcare professionals as they laid out a new plan to support rehabilitation services for pregnant women with Opioid Use Disorder. Little did I know that it would be the start of big project supported by Governor Mike DeWine and make headway for new ways to tackle the Opioid Crisis in Ohio!

How has your coursework prepared you for this internship?
The coursework that I rely upon heavily in my internship include most of my economics and mathematics classes. AEDECON Statistics 2005, MATH 1131, and AEDECON Econometrics 4002.01 are classes I referenced often for using statistical methods and analysis.

How has the internship helped you prepare for your future career?
Although the healthcare industry operates much differently than the agriculture industry, I have gained skills and knowledge with Medicaid that I could not have found anywhere else. I was able to thrive in an environment with generational gaps, and use real data to analyze, predict, and measure outcomes. Lastly I have become comprehensive in my ability to read and understand legal language.

What are one or two tips you would give students seeking an internship?
I advise students to check emails from the college and those from our advisor. Often, these opportunities are not found anywhere else and employers are directly reaching out to CFAES to find bright and passionate students to hire like you!