

# Securing our food: translational experiences for undergraduate students in plant sciences 2017 APPLICATION

**Please check boxes to indicate eligibility – candidates must meet all eligibility requirements**

*Candidates for the summer research experience:*

- must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States
- must be enrolled in a degree program (part-time or full-time) leading to a baccalaureate or associates degree
- must be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year in Fall 2017
- must be able to work at least 40 hours per week for the entire 10 week term (May 22 –July 28, 2017) and attend some mandatory weekend events

***Candidates who cannot attend for the entire period should not apply***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your address at school if different:

School: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Academic department: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

This address is good until: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated date of graduation (month, year): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Alternate email address: \_\_\_\_\_

In Fall 2017 I will be a:

Cell number: \_\_\_\_\_

Sophomore  Junior  Senior

Permanent address (not your temporary college address):

Number of years of college study completed by summer 2017:

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**Career goals** (check ONE):

- Medicine/allied health professions
- Graduate school/research
- Education
- Undecided/other (please explain in personal statement, see below)

**Demographic information:**

(Providing this information is optional. Our funding agency, the National Institute for Food and Agriculture seeks to track applicant demographics; information is only provided as a summary and no individual information is reported. Please check as many as apply.)

- Black or African American
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White

**Gender:**

- Male
- Female

**How did you hear about us?**

Academic advisor    Internet search    Poster    website    Professor/In a class

Internship fair (list which one): \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your top 3 participating labs of interest in both Blacksburg and the ARECs (This does not guarantee placement; Final lab assignments will be made by coordinators in April):

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**Please provide the following materials with this form for your application to be complete:**

*In order to be considered for a fellowship, ALL materials must be received by February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 by mail or email!*

**Resume:** Please include a brief resume that includes your academic and work history. Be sure to include any research experience, field experience, laboratory skills, awards, honors, presentations, or extracurricular activities you would like us to know about. ***Note that previous research experience is NOT necessary for consideration for the fellowship.***

**Personal statement:** A one-page personal statement should also be included. Focus on your career goal choices, your interest in plant science or research in general, and why you think our program would be a rewarding experience for you.

**Official transcript:** Obtain an official or unofficial transcript from the college you are currently attending and from any previous school(s) if you are a transfer student. Transcripts may be emailed with your application in pdf form, or they can be sent directly by your institution to our email or mailing addresses. ***Note: If your school is mailing your transcript please inform us when you email your completed application, so we know to look for them.***

**Letter of recommendation:** Please have a letter of recommendation sent directly from a current or former teacher, mentor, or employer; someone who can comment on your academic achievements, lab experience, or work ethic is best. Letters of recommendation should be emailed to [zerita@vt.edu](mailto:zerita@vt.edu).

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