

Virginia Tech's Research and Extension Experiential Learning (VT-REEL)
program on Securing Our Food

2019 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 your sophomore, junior or senior year in Fall 2019
- must be able to work at least 40 hours per week for the entire 10 week term (May 28 –August 2, 2019) and attend some mandatory weekend events

Name: _____

Current address (if different then permanent address):

School: _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

Academic department: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Major: _____

This address is good until: _____

Email address: _____

Anticipated date of graduation (month, year):

Alternate email address: _____

Cell number: _____

In Fall 2019 I will be a:

- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior

Permanent address (not your temporary college address):

STREET ADDRESS _____

Number of years of college completed by summer 2019:

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Primary career goal (check ONE):

Letter of recommendation information:

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

Name of reference: _____

Email address of reference: _____

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
- Nonbinary
- Prefer not to disclose

Special Consideration:

- First-generation college student
- Veteran or service member

How did you hear about this summer research program?

- Academic advisor Internet search Poster Website Professor/In a class
- Internship fair: _____ Other: _____

Of the four general research areas (i.e. Genomics and abiotic stress; Genomics and biotic stress; Nutrient regulation and management; Plant Communication), **please list the two you are most interested in.** (Note that faculty mentor assignments will be made by VT-REEL Program Coordinators.)

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

To be considered for a fellowship, ALL materials must be received by mail or email by February 28th, 2019!

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 this fellowship.***

Essay: A one-page personal statement should also be included. Focus on your interest in plant science or the general research areas you selected above, your career goals, and why you think VT-REEL would be a rewarding experience for you. Be sure to discuss your prior research experience, including techniques used. If you do not have any prior research experience, please share what skills you would like to gain as a result of participating in this program.

Academic transcript: Obtain an official or unofficial transcript from your current college 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. ***Note: If your school is mailing your transcript, please inform us so we know to look for it.***

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 **scmarine@vt.edu**.

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