

Application to the USDA Student Research Program

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT:

Eligible participant means an individual who: (1) Is a citizen or national of the United States; or (2) Is a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS and CHECKLIST:

Your application package needs to include the following:

Checklist

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. This application form filled out completely. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Unofficial transcripts from Universities you have attended. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Brief statement of 250 words or less on your career goals after graduation. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Personal statement of 500 words or less as to why you are applying to the program and how the program will benefit you academically and professionally. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Two letters of recommendation. These should be from one College faculty letter of reference such as one of your previous instructors or academic advisor who can comment on your academics or an employer who can comment on your professionalism in the workplace. The letters can be e-mails directly sent by the reference's e-mail. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Have all materials printed out and delivered by the deadline to the Program Director at your College or submit your electronic package via e-mail (a consolidated pdf) to your Program Director at your College. UT-San Antonio - Krystel Castillo (Krystel.Castillo@utsa.edu), UT-Rio Grande Valley - Dr. Michael Persans (michael.persans@utrgv.edu), UPR-Mayaguez - Dr. Mauricio Cabrera (mauricio.cabrera1@upr.edu). | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*** ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED ***

For descriptions of the mentor's research interests please go to the websites:

Program's website: www.utpa.edu/usda and
<http://engineering.utsa.edu/~beaware>

Dr. Krystel Castillo (UTSA Faculty Website)
<http://engineering.utsa.edu/~castillo/index.php>

Dr. Michael Persans (UTRGV Faculty Website)
http://portal.utpa.edu/utpa_main/daa_home/cose_home/biology_home/biology_staff/faculty_persans

Dr. Hudson DeYoe (UTRGV Faculty Website)
http://portal.utpa.edu/utpa_main/daa_home/cose_home/biology_home/biology_staff/faculty_deyoe

Dr. Mauricio Cabrera (UPRM Faculty Website)
<http://vivo.uprm.edu/vivo/display/n100029055>

APPLICATION

Date:

1. Full Name:
2. Student ID:
3. Phone Number:
4. University e-mail:
5. Overall GPA in all classes:
6. Gender:
7. GPA in classes in Major:
8. GPA in related Science or Engineering classes :
9. Anticipated graduation semester:
10. Did you attend a community college for any science or engineering courses:
11. Did you graduate with an Associate's Degree in a science discipline from a community college:
 - a. Degree Earned:
 - b. Year Degree Earned:
 - c. Community College Attended:
12. Which mentor are you interested in doing a research internship with?

Dr. Krystel Castillo at the University of Texas San Antonio:
Krystel.Castillo@utsa.edu

Dr. Michael Persans at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley:
michael.persans@utrgv.edu

Dr. Hudson DeYoe at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley:
HUDSON.DEYOE@UTRGV.EDU

Dr. Mauricio Cabrera at the University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez:
mauricio.cabrera1@upr.edu

13. Give the names and contact information (phone and e-mail) of the two people you will solicit for your letters of reference. Have

these letters attached to your package in sealed envelopes or have them e-mail the scanned letter(s) to the program director at your University.

14. State briefly what your career goals after graduation are: (250 words or less):

15. Write a brief Personal Statement (500 words or less):

16. Please attach a copy of your unofficial transcripts.