

Summer Institute

in the Agricultural and Natural Resources Sciences
June 8th - August 14th, 2015



College of Agriculture
& Natural Resources

The University of Delaware College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (UD CANR) will offer a 10-week *Summer Institute* for underrepresented populations of undergraduate students who have an interest in pursuing graduate degrees in the agricultural and natural resource sciences. The *Summer Institute* is intended to provide these students with an opportunity to learn about the varied and exciting opportunities at the UD CANR. The *Summer Institute* will be held on the UD campus in Newark, Delaware from June 8th to August 14th, 2015. Students will each receive a stipend of \$3000 to help cover costs of participation. If such expenses are incurred, students can be reimbursed for i) travel to arrive at and return home from UD on the start and end dates of the program (up to \$500) and ii) housing provided in university residence halls. (Note that residence halls and the CANR facilities are on opposite ends of the campus but that Newark is a bike-friendly town and free, limited shuttle bus service is available.)



Student participants in the 2014 Summer Institute were Monique Robinson (UD), Paula Thomas (UD), Candice Gittens (UD), and Michelle Paukett (UD). *Not pictured: Christine Piazza (Towson State University)*

Enrollment in the CANR's *Summer Institute* is limited to five (5) undergraduate students and preference is given to students who are completing the junior year of their university academic program. The application form is on the following page. **The application deadline is April 1st, 2015.**

Students in the *Summer Institute* will:

- **Participate** in ongoing research projects guided by faculty mentors.
- **Meet** other faculty and graduate students in the CANR and learn about the full range of opportunities available for prospective graduate students.
- **Interact** with professionals who are pursuing successful careers in agriculture and natural resources.
- **Become** familiar with the academic background and qualifications needed to be admitted and succeed in graduate school at UD.
- **Interact** with undergraduate students participating in summer research programs in other UD colleges through seminars, workshops, and social activities at UD. Gym and swimming facilities are available upon request.

For more information, please contact Ms. Maria Pautler, CANR Summer Institute Program Coordinator, at mpautler@udel.edu or visit the *Summer Institute* in Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences website at <http://ag.udel.edu/gradresearch/canrsummerinstitute.html>

2015 Summer Institute in the Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences
Application Form

Applications must be submitted by Wednesday, April 1, 2015

Student Applicant _____

Current College or University _____

Sex M F Date of Birth _____

The *Summer Institute* accords preference in admission to applicants who come from underrepresented populations as part of the University's goal to create a diverse learning environment. The term phrase "underrepresented populations" encompasses, but is not limited to, the following: a member of an underrepresented racial, ethnic, national, or religious minority; first-generation college students; a person who attended a high school or an undergraduate institution in which the majority of students were underrepresented racial, ethnic, or religious minorities; or a person who by virtue of family income qualifies for maximum Pell Grant support.

Are you a member of an underrepresented population? Yes No If the answer is Yes, please explain.

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email address _____

Grade Point Average _____ Major _____

Please answer the following essay questions (no more than 1 page answer per question):

1. What are your educational/professional objectives and how will your participation in the *Summer Institute* in the Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences help you achieve these objectives? Please include your plans for graduate school.

2. Please tell us about the most interesting undergraduate course you have taken to date in an area similar to one of the graduate program areas offered at the UD College of Agriculture & Natural Resources. Why did you find this course stimulating and how did it cause you to become interested in graduate school?

(See <http://ag.udel.edu/gradprograms.html> for the program areas at the UD CANR.)

3. Please describe at least one significant accomplishment of yours outside of the classroom, such as a research project, service learning experience, or similar activity.

4. *In addition please provide the following*

- Transcript (unofficial is acceptable)
- Résumé
- Two letters of recommendation, including one from your current college or university

Mail complete application packet, including transcript, résumé, and letters of recommendation to:

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