



# COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

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## KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

**The K-State Research and Extension (KSRE) Summer Research Fellowship Program** in the College of Agriculture will provide degree-seeking students at other universities an opportunity to train closely with faculty members in a laboratory and other experiential research setting. This program is educational in nature and designed so the participants receive primary benefits of learning hands-on research techniques, methods, and procedures about related topics. Participants are not expected to provide any service to the University. By the end of the **8-week period, June 5 to July 29**, students should have produced tangible research results demonstrating his/her knowledge of experimental research and will report the results in a special research forum. The Summer Research Fellowship Program is excellent experience for participants who plan to attend **graduate or professional school**.

Participants selected to be in the KSRE program will be paired with faculty in research projects that match a participant's interests. Faculty and other members of the research team are committed to working closely with the participants to train them in research techniques as well as regularly discussing their projects and progress. Participants may also attend summer classes on research ethics and compliance, and informal seminars and meetings of the research groups as part of the process of learning about research techniques and processes.

Participants will attend weekly seminars with other KSRE participants to learn more about the demands of the graduate school experience. At the end of the program, participants will present an oral presentation about their activities at the KSRE Undergraduate and Graduate Summer Research Fellowship Finale and, together with their faculty sponsor, have an opportunity to evaluate their summer experience, with a focus on the participant's education and training progress.

### **K-State College of Agriculture Diversity Programs Office**

The Diversity Programs Office serves as a catalyst within the College of Agriculture and KSRE to promote diversity awareness. It is our responsibility to help faculty, staff and students understand the value of diversity. We provide access to pertinent resources to assist departments in developing diversity solutions. We work diligently to establish realistic diversity goals each department can successfully meet.

### **Training Grant and Financial Support**

The K-State Research and Extension (KSRE) Summer Research Fellowship Program and the Diversity Programs Office in the College of Agriculture provide participants with a training grant of \$2500 for participation in the program. The purpose of the training grant is to aid the participant in his/her pursuit of his/her studies, namely training and education related to research for his/her own development. Participants are encouraged to review the "Tax Benefits for Education" (Publication 970) by the IRS for more information on tax implications of any funds provided to or on behalf of the student. The payments made to the participant may be taxable to you under certain circumstances. The participant should consult with his/her tax professional with any questions, as Kansas State University is unable to provide individual tax advice. The participant also should inform the Financial Aid Office at his/her home university about the funds he/she receives from Kansas State University; the funds received may need to be considered when determining your financial aid eligibility. In addition, the program pays travel expenses (up to \$500) and residence hall room and board. The student is expected to pay for own personal expenses during the 8-week program.

## Participating Documents

Agribusiness	Feed Science and Management
Agricultural Economics	Food Science and Industry
Agricultural Education	Horticulture
Agricultural Communications and Journalism	Horticultural Therapy
Agronomy	Milling Science and Management
Animal Sciences and Industry	Park Management and Conservation
Bakery Science and Management	Pre/Veterinary Medicine

## Eligibility

Applicants must be American citizens or have legal resident alien status. Applicants should have an undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale, be majoring in a field listed here or a related field, and have a career goal that includes graduate-level education of at least two years beyond the B.S. or B.A. degree. Only students who will complete the bachelor's degree on or after May 2016 are eligible to apply.

## Application Procedure

Completed applications must be received no later than **February 9, 2018**. Early applications will be reviewed on a continuous basis beginning **December 16, 2017**. Application materials also can be obtained from the K-State College of Agriculture Diversity Programs Office website: <http://www.ag.k-state.edu/about/diversity/>

The participant should:

- **Submit a completed KSRE Undergraduate and Graduate Summer Research Fellowship application form**
- **Submit a brief statement of purpose that includes: academic/career goals; research interests; and agriculture.**
- **Submit a brief writing sample; i.e. past research paper, class assignment or PowerPoint presentation**
- **Submit a current official transcript of his/her undergraduate work.**
- **Have two faculty members at his/her home institution complete and return the KSRE Summer Research Fellowship Program form which can be faxed to 785-532-6897 or sent as an email attachment to [zwiley@ksu.edu](mailto:zwiley@ksu.edu)**

## Send application materials to:

Dr. Zelia Wiley  
College of Agriculture Diversity Programs Office  
Kansas State University  
139 Waters Hall  
Manhattan, KS 66506-1103

## Kansas State University

Kansas State is the land-grant university in the state of Kansas. During the academic year, approximately 25,000 students enroll at KSU, including more than 4,500 graduate students. Manhattan, Kansas is located in the rolling Flint Hills of Northeast Kansas, just south of Tuttle Creek Reservoir. Manhattan is two hours west of Kansas City and about 50 minutes west of the capital city of Kansas, Topeka.

## Notice of Nondiscrimination

Kansas State University is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnic or national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, ancestry, disability, genetic information, military status, veteran status, or other non-merit reasons, in admissions, educational programs or activities and employment, including employment of disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam Era, as required by applicable laws and regulations. Responsibility for coordination of compliance efforts and receipt of inquiries concerning Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Americans With Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, has been delegated to the Director of Institutional Equity, Kansas State University, 103 Edwards Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506-4801, (Phone) 785-532-6220; (TTY) 785532-4807. Revised August 14, 2014. Protected categories include: race, color, ethnic or national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, ancestry, disability, genetic information, military status, or veteran status. Please refer to PPM Chapter 3010 for additional information on the Policy Prohibiting Discrimination, harassment, and Sexual Violence, and Procedure for Reviewing Complaints.



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### The KSRE Summer Research Fellowship Program Application

#### Personal Data

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Local Address (Campus)

#### Permanent (Parent's) Address

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship: US Citizen Permanent Resident Non-Resident Alien

#### Academic Information

Undergraduate University: \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnic Group \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: M F Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA (Cumulative) \_\_\_\_\_ Previous summer research experience? Y / N

Area of Interest in research: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in School: SO JR SR Expected Graduation Date : (mo/yr) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Plans after Graduation: Grad School Law School Med. School Professional School Obtain Employment

Include with your application a copy of your **transcript** that includes grades for Fall 2015, two **recommendation forms** from a faculty member (one each) whom you have had as an instructor or for independent study, a **brief writing sample** (i.e. past research paper or class assignment), and a **brief statement** of your academic and career goals, your research interests, and why you want to participate in the College of Agriculture Summer Research Fellowship Program. All materials must be received by the College of Agriculture Diversity Programs Office, Undergraduate and Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, Kansas State University, 139 Waters Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506-1103 by **February 9, 2018**.

Name (signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The KSRE Summer Research Fellowship Program

Application deadline is **February 9**

*\* Two completed Recommendation Forms are required for this application*

**Recommendation Form Summer 2018**

Applicant must complete top portion (please type). You may photocopy this form as many times as you need.

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

- I agree to waive my access to and review of the recommendation now and in the future  
 I DO NOT agree waive my access to and review of the recommendation.

Applicants Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**To Be Completed by Recommender:**

**How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?** \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the applicant in the following areas:

	Top 10%	Top 25%	Top 50%	Cannot rate
<b>Motivation for academics</b>				
<b>Maturity</b>				
<b>Diligence</b>				
<b>Ability to work with others</b>				
<b>Reasoning Skills</b>				
<b>Written communication</b>				
<b>Oral communication</b>				
<b>Potential for graduate school</b>				

***In addition, please provide a written evaluation of the applicant, describing your knowledge of the applicant and emphasizing his/her potential for research and for graduate study.***

Name of Recommender \_\_\_\_\_ Organization and title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to: Dr. Zelia Wiley or email [zwiley@ksu.edu](mailto:zwiley@ksu.edu)

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