

APPLICATION
NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PLANT & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES – CHILE PEPPER INSTITUTE
Agricultural Science Summer Undergraduate Research, Education & Development
(ASSURED) Program - SUMMER 2008

The Chile Pepper Institute at New Mexico State University (NMSU) will be providing a ten-week summer program called ASSURED (Agricultural Summer Science Undergraduate Research Education and Development Program), located on the NMSU main campus in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The program assists incoming college freshman (enrolled in classes), and continuing freshman and sophomore students from first or second generation migrant or seasonal working families. Students should be interested in learning about science, research, agriculture, and chile peppers.

Students receive a \$4,100 stipend to work with a faculty mentor in a research environment, create their own research project, and learn about the entire research process through agriculture. Students will work one-on-one with a faculty mentor to complete the ten-week program. Students also receive funds for meals and housing on the NMSU campus for the duration of the program.

ASSURED has become a highly successful program that gives students a greater understanding of agricultural research and science. The program helps build self-esteem, gives students the opportunity to pursue new ideas, build friendships and support groups, and generates greater graduation rates among the students.

2008 Program Dates : May 27 – August 1, 2008 (10 Weeks) First 2 weeks are prep weeks while actual research starts on June 9, 2008. Dorm move-in is June 7, 2008. Students are required to be in campus dorms no later than June 8, 2008.

Application Deadline – Must be received no later than Friday May 2, 2008. Applications received after that date may be considered if there are open spaces in the program.

Please include a copy of your résumé, and one letter of recommendation. Interviews will be scheduled between May 8 and May 9, 2008.

All application materials should be sent to:

The Chile Pepper Institute
ASSURED Program
Box 30003 MSC 3Q
Las Cruces, NM 88003

Or send completed application as an e-mail attachment to:

hotchile@nmsu.edu

A. Biographical Information (**ALL** information must be filled in - Type or Print Legibly):

Name: _____

Citizenship (only US citizens or permanent residents are eligible): _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Gender _____ SSN ____ - ____ - _____

Full Permanent Address (can be parents'):

Street/P.O. Box _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) ____ - _____

Current Address (if different from permanent)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Current Institution: _____

Major: _____ GPA Major: _____

Field of Interest: _____ Overall GPA: _____

Advisor's Name: _____

Phone(____) ____ - _____ E-mail : _____

List names, Email, and telephone numbers of at least two people familiar with your academic and/or research work. Most likely these are the people who will write your letters of reference.

1. Name: _____

Phone: (____) ____ - _____ Email: _____

2. Name: _____

Phone: (____) ____ - _____ Email: _____

3. Name: _____

Phone: (____) ____ - _____ Email: _____

Year currently in school (CHECK ONE): ____ entering freshman ____ continuing freshman ____ sophomore

What are your plans after graduation? _____

When do you expect to receive your Bachelor's degree? ____/____(Month/Year)

How did you hear about our program (poster, advisor, friend, REU web site, National Science Foundation web site):

One goal of the ASSURED REU Program is to encourage research participation of individuals from groups underrepresented in science. PLEASE CHECK ALL categories that apply to you. *This section is optional.

African American

Mexican American

Puerto Rican

Other Hispanic

White (Non-Hispanic)

Disability (Explain)_____

Other (Explain)_____

CHECKLIST

- Is your application signed and dated?
- Did you fill all required information complete and legible?
- Is your social security number and name complete and legible?
- Have you included a letter of reference?