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Agroecology Scholars Program in Research and Extension (ASPIRE)

May 28 - August 5, 2020

The ASPIRE program is seeking highly-motivated undergraduate students from a variety of backgrounds, with a strong interest in sustainable agriculture or food systems, to participate in this unique interdisciplinary 10-week summer research and extension program.

The CEFS Agroecology Scholars Program in Research and Extension (ASPIRE) prepares undergraduates with technical skills to understand sustainable agriculture and community food systems from a broad systems perspective, while receiving close mentorship and access to hands-on, cutting edge research and professional development.



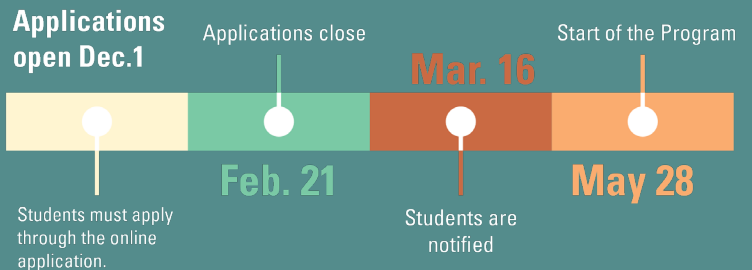
Program details:

- Students will be assigned a faculty and graduate student mentor based on research interests and will work to complete a research project over the summer.
- The program will start with a 4-day tour of diverse agricultural systems across NC.
- Students will have the opportunity to travel to a post-summer conference and present their research to further their professional network and career opportunities. A \$1000 stipend to cover conference costs will be provided to those interested.
- Participants receive a \$4,000 stipend, and apartment-style housing.

Eligibility:

Candidates for the ASPIRE program must:

- be citizens or permanent residents of the United States
- be enrolled in a degree program at an accredited 2 or 4 year college or university
- be entering their sophomore, junior, or senior year
- be able to work at least 40 hours per week for the entire 10 week term (5/28 – 8/5)



No previous research or extension experience is necessary.

For more information and to apply:

<https://cefs.ncsu.edu/academics-and-education/internships/>

Or contact: Dr. Angel Cruz, CEFS Academic and Extension Initiatives Manager at **919-513-0954** or aecruz@ncsu.edu