

**PAID SUMMER 2024 INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY**



The USDA-Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Pacific West Area (PWA) is partnering with four-year Minority Serving Institutions to offer highly qualified students professional experience through our “Science in Action” Summer Training Program.

This unique training program provides students the opportunity to study with world-renowned scientists in the USDA-ARS-PWA to gain hands-on experience working on cutting edge research in many areas including: Food Science, Crop Production, Plant Genetics and Breeding, Entomology, Natural Resources, Bioproducts, and Engineering. This is a fully funded 8-week summer internship. Based on successful completion of the first year, students may have an option to complete a second 8-week internship the following summer.

Internships may be offered in the following states:  
Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, &  
Washington

Students are required to complete an application, including a current resume, official transcripts and two letters of recommendation.



## Applicant Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or have Permanent Resident status
- Currently be enrolled and have completed at least one year of attendance at a 4-year Minority Serving Institution
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale)
- Major in an area of study associated with agriculture, horticulture, forestry, food science, nutrition, natural resources, or related sciences
- Complete a program application
- Provide a resume, official transcripts, and 2 letters of recommendation

## Internship Benefits

- Hands-on Laboratory and Field Experience
- A Research Mentor
- Paid Salary
- Funding for Housing and Location Assistance
- Round Trip Airfare
- Potential College Credit

## Internship Program Goals

Interns will develop skills and knowledge to better prepare them for science jobs with USDA-ARS-PWA.

Interns will develop meaningful relationships with USDA-ARS scientists and technicians which will lead to a better understanding of career opportunities with ARS.

USDA will benefit by developing a more diverse candidate pool for hiring future employees.



## For More Information

To learn more about applying for the USDA- ARS-PWA “Science in Action” Summer Training Program, please contact:

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