

Application to the USDA BE AWARE Student Research Program

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS and CHECKLIST:

Your application package needs to include the following:

1. This application form filled out completely.
2. Unofficial transcripts from Universities you have attended.
3. Brief statement of 250 words or less on your career goals after graduation.
4. Personal statement of 500 words or less as to why you are applying to the program and how the program will benefit you academically and professionally.
5. Two letters of recommendation. These should be from college professors who can comment on your academics or an employer who can comment on your professionalism in the workplace.
6. Have all materials printed out and delivered by the deadline to the Program Director at your College.
UT-San Antonio Krystel Castillo
UT-Rio Grande Valley Dr. Michael Persans
UPR-Mayaguez Dr. Felix R. Roman Velazquez

*** ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED ***

For descriptions of the mentor's research interests please go to the websites:

Dr. Krystel Castillo (http://engineering.utsa.edu/me/faculty_staff/castillo.html)

Dr. Michael Persans (<http://www.utrgv.edu/biology/faculty/edinburg/michaelpersans/index.htm>)

Dr. Hudson DeYoe (<http://www.utrgv.edu/biology/faculty/edinburg/hudson-rdeyoe/index.htm>)

Dr. Felix R. Roman Velazquez https://www.uprm.edu/p/alfsec/felix_roman_ph_d

APPLICATION

1. Name:
2. Student ID:
3. Phone Number:
4. University e-mail:
5. Overall GPA in all classes:
6. GPA in classes in Major:
7. GPA in related Science or Engineering classes:
8. Anticipated graduation semester:
9. Did you attend a community college for any science or engineering courses:
10. Did you graduate with an Associate's Degree in a science discipline from a community college:
 - a. Degree Earned:
 - b. Year Degree Earned:
 - c. Community College Attended:
11. Which mentor are you interested in doing a research internship with?

Dr. Krystel Castillo at the University of Texas San Antonio:
Krystel.Castillo@utsa.edu

Dr. Michael Persans at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley:
michael.persans@utrgv.edu

Dr. Hudson DeYoe at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley:
HUDSON.DEYOE@UTRGV.EDU

Dr. Felix R. Roman Velazquez at the University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez:
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12. Give the names and contact information (phone and e-mail) of the two people you will solicit for your letters of reference. Have these letters sent separately to the Program Director at your College (e-mailed letters are OK):

13. State briefly what your career goals after graduation are: (250 words or less):

14. Write a brief Personal Statement about why you are applying and how the USDA BE AWARE internship will benefit you academically and career wise (500 words or less):

15. INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

Download this PDF with your changes and submit through email to the mentor you are most interested in doing a research internship with.

***Please be sure to attach a copy of all your unofficial college transcripts to the email submission.**

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Dr. Krystel Castillo at the University of Texas San Antonio	Krystel.Castillo@utsa.edu
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