

2017 WRPI/USDA Water Resources Doctoral Scholarship \$20,000

Information and Application Form

Through funding from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Water Resources and Policy Initiatives (WRPI) invites applications for the WRPI/USDA Water Resources Doctoral Scholarship. One (1) **\$20,000 scholarship** will be awarded in 2017. The USDA's goal of providing this scholarship is to address the underrepresentation of Hispanics/Latinos in professional careers in the food, agricultural, and natural resource system as well as the government, and to attain post graduate degrees in the food, agricultural, and natural resource sciences.

Scholarship funds are to be used in pursuit of a Ph.D. and may cover tuition, books, reasonable stipend, computer, travel to one professional conference in their field of study, and travel to a one-week leadership training workshop. Funds must be used for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 academic years (\$10,000 each year) and they will be given directly to the recipient's university for disbursement to the recipient. The recipient must be classified and retain status as a full-time student in good standing for the duration of this scholarship award. Additionally, the recipient must stay in contact with WRPI in regards to recipient's academic progress (including access to transcripts) and career pathway.

Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for a Water Resources Scholarship, a student must:

1. be a citizen or national of the United States; or a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau. Where eligibility is claimed on the basis of owing permanent allegiance to the United States, documentary evidence from the Immigration and Naturalization Service as to such eligibility must be made available upon request.
2. be a student from an underrepresented group.
3. attend or have attended a California State University for their master's or undergraduate degree (if going directly into a Ph.D. program).
4. have a strong desire to pursue a career with the USDA.
5. have a confirmed acceptance to a Ph.D. program.
6. The student's program of study for their Ph.D. must be within a USDA-relevant discipline related to food and agricultural sciences, and natural resource systems of the United States. Examples of such majors include, but are not limited to: General Food and Agricultural Sciences; Agribusiness Management and Marketing (includes Agricultural Economics); Agricultural/Biological Engineering; Agricultural Social Sciences (includes Agricultural Education, Agricultural Communications, and Rural Sociology); Animal Sciences; Aquaculture; Conservation and Renewable Energy and Natural Resources (includes Forestry and Ecology/Wetlands); Entomology, Animal; Entomology, Plant; Environmental Sciences/Management; Food Science/Technology and Manufacturing

(including Food Safety); Human Nutrition; Human Sciences/Family and Consumer Sciences (excludes Human Nutrition); International Education/Research (enhancement of U.S. programs); Plant Sciences and Horticulture (including Turf Sciences); Related Biological Sciences (includes General/Basic Biotechnology, Biochemistry, and Microbiology); Soil Sciences; Veterinary Medicine/Science; Water Science/Water Resources (including Water Quality and Watershed Management); and other relevant and subject matter areas. Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines that support the disciplines listed above are encouraged.

Competitive Priority

Eligible students that have or will have successfully completed a WRPI Watershed Management/Water Resources Internship by the due date will be given preference in this scholarship competition.

Procedures and Selection Criteria

The **deadline is 5 pm (Pacific) on Wednesday, June 16, 2017**. By the application deadline, each applicant shall forward their application packet with the following information:

1. completed application form (see attached);
2. current official transcript (sent directly to WRPI by the applicant's college);
3. résumé or curriculum vitae;
4. copy of the acceptance letter to a Ph.D. program;
5. three letters of recommendation (sent directly to WRPI by the recommenders) - at least two letters should be from faculty. For students in the WRPI Watershed Management Internship program, one letter of recommendation must be from your Internship Advisor; and
6. statement of purpose of between 500 (minimum) but not to exceed 1000 words (maximum) describing your educational and career plans.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applications should be either: mailed to Water Resources and Policy Initiatives, CSUSB, Attn: Christina E. Rodriguez, 5500 University Parkway, PL-401, San Bernardino, CA 92407; emailed to chrodrig@csusb.edu; or faxed to (909) 537-7682. Mailed applications must be postmarked by June 16, 2017. You will receive verification upon receipt.

A WRPI/USDA Scholarship Committee, composed of CSU faculty and staff, shall evaluate applicants on the basis of the quality of submitted materials, i.e., information on the completed application form, scholastic achievement, strength of letters of recommendation, commitment to career pathway and the USDA, and clarity and content of the written statement of purpose. The Committee also may consult faculty and/or advisors.

The Committee shall rank order the applications and prepare written evaluative comments regarding each. The applicants' submitted materials and the Committee's rank ordering and written comments will be kept on file for the USDA. The Committee will make the final selection decision of the scholarship recipient.

If you have questions about the application process, contact Christina Rodriguez (chrodrig@csusb.edu) or call 909-537-7681.

2017 WATER RESOURCES DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Gender: Female Male

Ethnicity:

US Citizen: Yes No

Phone:

Cell:

Permanent Email:

Current Address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Permanent Address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

CURRENT COLLEGE INFORMATION

Current or most recent university attended:

Graduation Date (or expected graduation date):

Major(s):

Minor(s) if applicable:

Degree(s):

Cumulative GPA:

GPA in Major coursework:

PH.D. PROGRAM INFORMATION

University where you will complete your Ph.D.:

City:

State:

Planned degree:

Planned major(s):

Cumulative GPA (if currently in Ph.D. program):

SIGNATURE

I certify that the information given in the application packet is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of applicant:

Date: