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Welcome

Welcome to the Application for the 2025 cohort of the Penn State REEU Program!

Our 8-week summer program is offered by the departments of Food Science and Nutritional Sciences at Penn State to facilitate independent research, career exploration, and professional development for students from undergraduate-centric institutions across the USA. As a participant, you will conduct experiential research under the guidance of faculty, graduate student and postdoc mentors to head start a future career in Food and Nutritional Sciences. Research topics focus on the human-food interface in areas of human nutrition and food science, including sensory & consumer science, food analysis, food metabolomics, food toxicology and biochemistry, and human ingestive behavior.

Please check our website to learn more about our participating faculty mentors and available research topics:

<https://foodscience.psu.edu/reeu>

In order to submit your application you need to

- (1) indicate your preference for faculty mentors,
 - (2) indicate your preference for research topics,
 - (3) provide a statement of interest (max. 500 words),
- and
- (4) upload your current unofficial transcript.

**Note: Plan ahead as it may take a few days to develop your statement of interest and to obtain a copy of your unofficial transcript from your institution.*

***Note: For best results, consider using a computer to submit your application. Submissions from a smart phone or tablet may experience difficulties with the display of some of the required questions.*

Please provide your personal information.

List the address from where you intend to travel to the REEU program (school or home address).

First Name

Last Name

Address

City

State

Postal code

Official Email Address

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

Please select the most appropriate option below that applies to you.

- I am a US citizen.
- I am a US national (e.g., permanent resident)
- I am a US Visa holder (e.g., F1, J1 visa)
- Other (fill in)

What is your gender?

- A Woman
- A Man
- A gender not listed here
- Prefer not to say
- Prefer to self-describe (fill in)

What is your **race and/or ethnicity**? Select all that apply and enter additional details in the spaces below. Note, you may report more than one group.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern or North African |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American | <input type="checkbox"/> White |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino | <input type="checkbox"/> Something else (fill in) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/> |

Which of the statements below apply to you?

- Neither of my parents have earned a bachelor's degree (e.g., BA, BS)
- One of my parent has earned a bachelor's degree (e.g., BA, BS)
- Both my parents have earned a bachelor's degree (e.g., BA, BS)
- One of my parent has earned an advanced degree (MS, MA, MBA, PhD, etc.)
- Both my parents have earned an advanced degree (MS, MA, MBA, PhD, etc.)

Select your current academic institution below.

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| <input type="radio"/> Alcorn State University | <input type="radio"/> Montclair State University |
| <input type="radio"/> Brigham Young University | <input type="radio"/> Texas Woman's University |
| <input type="radio"/> California State University, Bakersfield | <input type="radio"/> University of Maryland Baltimore County |
| <input type="radio"/> California State University, San Bernadino | <input type="radio"/> Penn State University Park campus |
| <input type="radio"/> Georgia State University | <input type="radio"/> Penn State non-UP campus (fill in branch campus name) |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="radio"/> Middle Tennessee State University | <input type="radio"/> Other (fill in) |
| | <input type="radio"/> <input type="text"/> |

What are your current major(s) and minor(s)?

Major 1

Major 2

Minor 1

Minor 2

Minor 3

What is your **current academic standing** based on your degree progress?

- I am in my first or second semester of university (= freshman)
- I am in my third or fourth semester of university (=Sophomore)
- I am in my fifth or sixth semester of university (=Junior)
- I am in my seventh or eighth semester of university (=Senior)
- Other (fill in)

Enter your current GPA on a 4.0 scale using the slider below.

0 0.4 0.8 1.2 1.6 2 2.4 2.8 3.2 3.6 4

Current GPA

Please provide when you anticipate to graduate from your major degree (month and year).

	Month	Year
Anticipated graduation	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Faculty - Research Matching

Rank the faculty mentors based on your preference. Order the faculty mentors from most preferred (=top position) to least preferred (=bottom position). For details on each faculty mentor check our [website](#).

Dr. Joshua Lambert

Dr. John Hayes

Dr. Kathleen Keller

Dr. Misha Kwasniewski

Dr. Helene Hopfer

Dr. Travis Masterson

Dr. Yi Zhang

Rank the research topics offered by your top three faculty mentor choices based on your preference. Order the research projects from most preferred (=top position) to least preferred (=bottom position).

Statement of Interest and Transcript

Please enter your statement of interest in the text box below. In your statement emphasize the type of research you want to do. Make sure your research interests align with your top faculty mentor choices and the research projects you selected.

Please upload your most current academic transcript as a pdf file. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable as long as they list your academic institution.

Reference Writers

Please provide the **full name and the email address** of your reference letter writer.

Make sure your letter writer knows that you list them as a reference. They will be contacted and asked to provide a recommendation letter for you. It is very important that you inform your letter writer which project(s) you selected so they can specifically tailor their letter to your selection.

Full Name

Email Address

Additional Information

Please leave any additional information that you would to provide in the space below.