Agroecology Extension (AX) Summer Research Fellows 2022

The AX Summer Research Fellowship is uniquely tailored for undergraduates looking to deepen their knowledge of sustainable agricultural approaches and developing [transdisciplinary](https://www.uvm.edu/agroecology/our-approach/transdisciplanary/) research and outreach skills.

Each research internship starts on May 31 and lasts 10-weeks, provides a $4,000 stipend and on-campus housing or housing allowance for UVM students (who have off-campus leases). All research/extension costs related to the project will be covered. Students gain hands-on experience working on commercial and research farms near Burlington, Vermont. A list of faculty and research projects is found [here](https://www.uvm.edu/four/ax-summer-research-fellowship). Find more general information regarding the UVM Agroecology & Livelihoods Collaborative [here](https://www.uvm.edu/agroecology/).

**Application Instructions**

To apply, provide basic information about yourself and the contact information of a faculty recommender in a Microsoft Teams Form. You will need to respond to the following prompts with brief essays (each essay is roughly ½ page or 250 words each):

1) Describe the path that you are on, classes you are taking, experiences you have had (work, volunteer, clubs, etc.), and goals for the future.

2) How do you believe this research experience will affect what you would like to do in the future?

We suggest that you write the essays ahead of time and have them ready to paste into the online Teams Form.

Provide a copy of the Faculty Recommendation (next page) and ask your faculty to submit it directly to [four@uvm.edu](mailto:four@uvm.edu) by 4:00pm EST on the due date.

**Ready to apply?**

1. Have your essays at the ready, fill out the [Microsoft Teams Form here](https://forms.office.com/r/r2fmyVnGQD).
2. Email your transcript directly to [four@uvm.edu](mailto:four@uvm.edu).
3. **Remind your faculty to send in their recommendation!**

**Faculty Recommendation Form AX Summer Fellow Program**

*We ask that you use this form to evaluate this student’s potential to succeed. We use faculty opinion of the student as one valuable measure of the overall application. Ultimately it is the student’s own ability to convey clearly the nature and value of the project that most strongly impacts funding decisions. Please complete this form and add any comments you may feel are relevant at the end of the page. This information will not be shared with the student.*

Student Name:

1. How familiar are you with this student? (please check one)

* Not at all
* Slightly
* Moderately
* Very
* Extremely

1. Please describe how you know this student (from classes, advising, etc.)
2. Please rate the student’s abilities and characteristics on the chart below from 5 (highly) to 1 (very low)

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|  | TOTAL (55 max)  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| a. Perform tasks independent of direct supervision | a. |
| b. Complete tasks under tight deadlines and with mounting pressures | b. |
| c. Prioritize responsibilities | c. |
| d. Ask for assistance from you | d. |
| e. Communicate scholarly interests to a broad audience | e. |
| f. Competence in major or specialization | f. |
| g. Academic interests and motivation | g. |
| h. Resourcefulness | h. |
| i. Reliability | i. |
| j. Personal integrity | j. |
| k. Adapt to new roles and situations | k. |

4) Please frankly state your opinion of this candidate’s abilities and characteristics as described in the table above, #3 (Limit to 500-words/1-page).

Submit document in PDF format to [four@uvm.edu](mailto:four@uvm.edu) by 4:00pm EST on March 4, 2022