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| **Research Experience for Undergraduates - Accelerating New Environmental Workskills**  *University of Maine - One Health and the Environment* | |
| Note: this cover letter is only required if you are submitting your application by email. If you have a Google account, we strongly encourage you to submit your application using the Google Form instead. The link to this application form can be found at <https://nsfa.umaine.edu/one-health/reu>. | |
| Applicant information | |
| Applicant Name: | |
| Email address: | |
| Current undergraduate institution: | |
| Current academic year at time of application  First year (freshman)  Second year (sophomore)  Third year (junior)  Fourth year (senior)  Other: | |
| Primary major: | |
| **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**  You are required to request one letter of recommendation (second letter optional). Letter(s) should be submitted directly by the recommender(s) at the following link: <https://forms.gle/GfM5RrJ7adxxyUL27>. Your application cannot be considered complete until at least one 1-2 page letter of recommendation has been received. Encourage your letter writer(s) to comment on your potential as a researcher.  Please provide contact information for your recommenders below. | |
| Name: | Name: |
| Email address: | Email address: |
| Phone: | Phone: |
| RESEARCH INTEREST | |
| Optional: From the list below, please rank (1 = top choice) up to 3 research advisors and topic areas that you are most interested in. Further information on these faculty and their research programs can be found at <https://nsfa.umaine.edu/one-health-faculty/> | |
| Dr. Sean Birkel  Dr. Kristina Cammen  Dr. Matthew Chatfield  Dr. Allison Gardner  Dr. Sue Ishaq | Dr. Pauline Kamath  Dr. Anne Lichtenwalner  Dr. Angela Mech  Dr. Sandra De Urioste-Stone |
| ELIGIBILITY **All REU students must be U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals or permanent residents of the U.S. Students must have completed at least one year of an Associates or Baccalaureate degree program prior to the summer internship, and must plan to continue in their degree program following this summer internship (graduating seniors are not eligible).**  I hereby certify that I meet the above eligibility requirements. | |
| Please complete and append this completed cover page and the following optional demographic data sheet to the following required application materials:   * + - * A 1-2 page resume that includes current and past education experiences, relevant work history, awards/scholarships, and volunteer/service activities.       * A copy of your unofficial transcript.       * A short (100-500 words) personal statement that details why you are interested in gaining research experience in general and within One Health in particular.   Save this document as LastName\_FirstName.pdf and send it as a single pdf to anne.lichtenwalner@maine.edu by **February 15, 2022** to receive full consideration. | |

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| optional demographic data The University of Maine seeks to affirmatively recruit a diverse pool of applicants and finalists for all available positions. We need your assistance in determining the success of our recruitment efforts. By filling out this form, we are able to evaluate the success of our efforts. You will have the option to choose "do not wish to answer" for all questions on the form. |
| With which gender do you self-identify? Female  Male  Non-binary/third gender  Self-describe in another way:  I do not wish to answer |
| With which race(s) do you self-identify? You may select more than one of the options below if you identify with more than one race. American Indian or Alaskan Native  Asian  Black or African American  Hispanic or Latino  Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  White  Other:  I do not wish to answer |
| Do you currently or have you ever had a disability? You are considered to have a disability if you have a physical or mental impairment or medical condition that substantially limits a major life activity, or if you have a history or record of such an impairment or medical condition. Yes, I have a disability (or previously had a disability)  No, I do not have a disability  I do not wish to answer |
| Do you self-identify as a veteran of the U.S. military, ground, naval or air service? Yes, I am a veteran  No, I am not a veteran  I do not wish to answer |
| Do you consider yourself a non-traditional student, defined as over 30 years old? Yes, I am a non-traditional student  No, I am not a non-traditional student  I do not wish to answer |
| Do you consider yourself a first-generation college student, defined as a student whose parent(s)/legal guardian(s) have not completed a bachelor’s degree? Yes, I am a first-generation student  No, I am not a first-generation student  I do not wish to answer |
| Have you participated in an REU program previously? Yes, I have prior REU experience  No, I do not have prior REU experience |
| Questions about your current undergraduate institution: Does your current institution grant PhDs?  Yes  No  Is your current institution considered a Historically Black College or University (HBCU)?  Yes  No  Is your current institution a community college?  Yes  No |