



2016 AgDiscovery Program

Investing in the Future of American Agriculture



The University of Arizona – Yuma (UA-Yuma) in Yuma, AZ
will host an AgDiscovery Program
in collaboration and partnership with the U of A in Tucson, AZ

Student Application of Interest Tracker

What is the AgDiscovery Program?

The AgDiscovery Program is an outreach program to help high school students explore careers in plant and animal science, wildlife management, and agribusiness.

The hands-on program allows high school students to live on a college/university and learn about agriculture from its professors, also with scientists and administrative professionals who work for the U.S. Federal Government in a wide range–variety of fields. They study the life cycles and habits of insects (*entomologists*); research micro-organisms, such as bacteria and viruses (*biotechnologists*); examine cells and tissues under a microscope to identify diseases (*plant pathologists*); work to conserve and manage wild animals and their habitats (*wildlife biologists*); carry out animal health programs (*veterinarians*); provide education on the humane care and treatment of animals (*animal care inspectors*); and manage the business aspects of protecting America’s agricultural resources (*agribusiness*).

2-Week Residential/Summer Enrichment Program

June 20–July 1, 2016

Location

The University of Arizona – Yuma (UA-Yuma) in Yuma, AZ & U of A in Tucson, AZ

Overall, partaking high school students have the opportunity to live on-Campus and learn about Ag-related careers and its STEAM fields of study through interactive labs/workshops, field trips, and other educational activities with character and team-building learning experiences.

Requirements:

- The eligible ages for participation are 15 through 17 years old.

Animal and Plant Health

Agricultural Science

Agribusiness

Animal and Plant Disease Eradication

Plant Pathology

Entomology

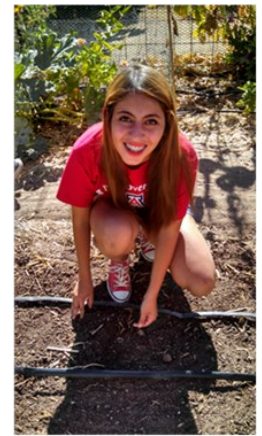
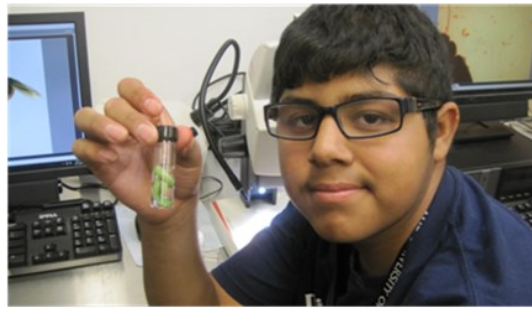
Veterinary Science

USDA-APHIS
will cover the cost
of tuition,
room and board,
and supplies!!!



Questions?
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The AgDiscovery Program is a unique opportunity to gain a first-hand look at the many career paths in plant and animal science, wildlife management, and agribusiness.

Step-by-Step Applying to the 2016 AgDiscovery Program USDA-APHIS

Step 1: Download AgDiscovery Application Form

- ✓ Website: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/civil_rights/downloads/Application.pdf

Step 2: Fill Out Application Form

- ✓ Complete the form by typing information directly into it; **OR**
- ✓ Print out application form and complete the form by hand
Note: If completing form by hand, please ensure that all information is neatly printed and clearly legible
- ✓ Select the Ag-Discovery Program you wish to apply for below:
(University of Arizona | June 20 – July 1 | 15-17 years old)

Step 3: Prepare a Two-Page Essay

- ✓ Entitled, “Why I Want to Attend the AgDiscovery Program at The University of Arizona – Yuma and What I Want to Learn.”
- ✓ Answer the following questions:
 - What are some of your interests?
 - What are your hobbies?
 - What are your future career goals?
 - How do you plan to achieve your goals?
- ✓ 500 word minimum and 1,000 word maximum
- ✓ **IMPORTANT:** Be sure to include your **full name, age, home address, telephone number, and email address** on the **first page** of the essay.

Step 4: Three (3) Letters of Recommendation

- ✓ At least one recommendation must come from a teacher or school counselor, i.e. from people not related to you who know you well
- ✓ Each letter of recommendation must be sealed in a separate envelope; **AND** placed in one large envelope with application form **AND** essay

Step 5: Mail ALL Documents

- ✓ Place all the documents of the application packet (application form, two-page essay, **AND** three letters of recommendation) in **ONE** envelope

Mail to:

USDA-APHIS-AgDiscovery Program
Office of Civil Rights, Diversity, and Inclusion
ATTN: Sophia Kirby
4700 River Road, Unit 92, Suite 6C-04
Riverdale, MD 20737-1234

- ✓ **IMPORTANT:** Only **ONE** large envelope containing the application form, essay, and sealed letters of recommendation will be accepted per applicant
- ✓ Do **NOT** include any of the following in your application package: photographs, birth certificate, report card, transcript, news clippings, awards, or other extra documents