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Clearing Corporation Charitable Foundation Agribusiness Scholars Program

Cultivating the next generation of agribusiness leaders

Federal statistics show that, in the coming years, there will be nearly 58,000 high-skilled job openings annually in the food, agriculture, and renewable resource sectors, a level of employment opportunity exceeding the number of students with the training to fill them. Nearly half of these jobs will be in the fields of business and management.

The Clearing Corporation Charitable Foundation (CCCF) Agribusiness Scholars Program provides students at the Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Science with the applied knowledge, leadership skills, and experiences required for successful careers in the domestic and global agribusiness sector.

The CCCF Agribusiness Scholars Program supports student development by blending traditional academic coursework with experience-based learning. The program's two capstone seminar courses and out-of-classroom academic enrichment activities (e.g., trips to New York City's financial district, Washington DC, and agribusinesses) allow students to interact with industry and public sector leaders and develop informed perspectives on contemporary issues affecting agribusiness.

CCCF Agribusiness Scholars will:

- network with industry and public sector leaders
- receive assistance with internship placement
- strengthen the professional and leadership abilities attractive to employers
- refine business communication skills
- receive award monies to support their academic studies

Program Requirements

Sophomores at SEBS with an interest in agribusiness may apply to the program in the Spring semester. Applicants must: have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher entering the spring semester of their sophomore year; complete at least 24 credits of coursework at Rutgers University by the end of their sophomore year.

A student who wishes to apply to the program but does not meet these requirements may contact the Program Directors for consideration.

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As a country, we need to focus on developing future agribusiness leaders capable of meeting the challenges of feeding our nation and the world, as well as effectively managing our agricultural economy.

-Ira Polk

Director, Clearing Corporation Charitable Foundation

