Telenutrition Center - Outreach Scholars Summer Research Program

The Outreach Scholars Summer Research Program is a summer community-based research program for Mississippi and Louisiana college students. The research activities include:

- **Learning Mississippi's Nutrition Physical Activity and Health Needs** is an effort to work with communities to conduct a needs assessment of Mississippi and Louisiana to capture demographics, access to health care, nutrition and physical activity behaviors, technology and health and social support and self-efficacy for nutrition/physical activity behaviors.

- **Move & Eat 2 Live Program** is an intervention that will utilize interventionists trained as health coaches to deliver a nutrition and physical activity program for young to middle aged adult African Americans in South Mississippi.

- **Okla Achukma Project** is a project to address diet and physical activity behaviors among Southeastern Native Americans to treat and prevent obesity and chronic diseases, such as diabetes and hypertension.

The summer research program begins mid-May and ends last week of July. Outreach scholars will complete a ten-week program to gain experience in community-based research. Outreach scholars are expected to be present on campus approximately 20hrs/week. At the end of the program, outreach scholars will prepare an abstract and a research poster to present at the Mississippi IDeA Conference in Jackson on July 31, 2020. **In addition to a monetary award, housing may be provided on an as needed basis.**

To apply for the Outreach Scholars Summer Research Program, please fill out the attached form and send it to Sermin.Aras@usm.edu. The **deadline to submit applications** for the Outreach Scholars Summer Research Program is **December 18, 2019**. Interviews will occur January-February 2020. Selected outreach scholars will be notified March 2020.

Outreach Scholars Summer Research Program Application

Applicant Name: _____
First Middle Last

Date of Birth:_____ State of Residency:_____

Student ID (USM Only):_____ College: _____

Major:_____ Classification: ☐ Undergraduate ☐ Graduate

School Email:_____ Secondary Email:_____

Phone Number:_____ Housing Needs: ☐ Yes ☐ No

List any volunteer organizations, leadership roles, or extracurricular activities in the last 3 years.

Organization/Event	Year(s) Involved	Position	Duties/Responsibilities

Please submit this application along with a one page statement that addresses the following:

- Why are you interested in community based research?
- List any past research related activities you have been involved.
- Discuss the research role you would like to serve and the types of activities that are of interest to you.
- Briefly describe how involvement in research activities will enhance your academic/career goals.

Application should be submitted by December 18, 2019 to Sermin.Aras@usm.edu in one PDF document with "2020 Outreach Scholars Application" in the subject line. Late or improper submissions will not be accepted.

By signing this application, I agree that I have completed this application truthfully. I understand that the project director may reference my student records to verify the accuracy of the data provided and any false information provided will result in my disqualification for the applied position.

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Applicant Signature Date