



**Center of Excellence for Nutrition, Health, Wellness and Quality of Life
1890 Center for Research and Extension Scholars
Application**

APPLICANT MUST:

1. Have a strong desire and interest to work or pursue a graduate degree associated with diet-related disparities research
2. Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0
3. Submit an unofficial transcript
4. Letter of recommendation
5. 500-800-word essay (see application for details).
6. **COMPLETED** application (including signature and all supporting documents) submitted by email or in person by **Friday, April 25, 2025 and interviews will be conducted the week of May 5th – May 8th.**

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1890 Center for Research and Extension Scholars Fact Sheet

1. Who is eligible to apply?

To participate as an 1890 Center for Research and Extension Scholar, eligible students must meet a specific criterion, complete a formal application, and be interviewed. Scholars also must possess excellent oral, written, communication, and listening skills, in addition to a strong desire and interest to work or pursue a graduate degree associated with diet-related disparities research. Additionally, scholars must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, submit a typed essay (500-800 words) explaining why this interdisciplinary research training related to diet disparities is something they want to pursue and submit a letter of recommendation. Your letter of recommendation must be from a professional who can attest to your academic background, personality, disposition and character, and passion for diet-related disparities. Following the submission of all written materials, a face-to-face interview will be conducted, and three student scholars from each university will be selected.

2. What are the benefits of becoming an 1890 Center for Research and Extension Scholar?

The program will emphasize the development of both knowledge and leadership skills through participating in scholarly and professional collaborative networking activities to enhance communication, facilitate critical thinking skills for the workforce, and enhance scholars' preparation for graduate and professional school. Scholars will also develop their skills to become community health ambassadors and work with research faculty and Extension agents. Through this experience, scholars will develop their research portfolio and engage in a professional research conference. A stipend will also be awarded to each selected scholar.

3. If selected as a scholar, what are my responsibilities?

Each scholar will be responsible for participating in professional and leadership training activities. In addition to the 1890 Symposium is designed to provide them with didactic learning to complete a diet-related disparities research project under the mentorship of a faculty member or Extension specialist at his or her university. At the end of the program, students will present their research and host a student-led symposium session during the Association of Extension Administrators (AEA) and the Association of 1890 Research Directors(ARD) 2026 joint meeting.

4. If I am chosen as a scholar this academic year, will I automatically receive it next year?

Scholars are selected on a yearly basis and dependent upon the availability of funds.

5. When will I be notified if I am selected as a scholar?

Scholars will be notified the week of **May 12th** and scholar orientation will take place the week of **August 11, 2025**.

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Application Form**

1. Personal Information:

Full Name of Applicant: _____

Gender: Male___ Female___

Race: Black___ White___ Asian___ Hispanic___ Other_____

Phone Number:_____ Email Address: _____

2. Expected Graduation Date:_____

Current Major: _____

Cumulative GPA:_____ Previous Semester GPA: _____

3. Research/Extension Experience Summary:

Please list any prior experience you may have in research and or Extension?

4. Essay (500-800 words) Include on a separate sheet.

Why are you interested in pursuing interdisciplinary research training related to diet disparities?

5. Signed letter of recommendation included on a separate sheet.

I certify that the above information is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant:_____

Date: _____