



**U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)  
Research and Extension Experiences for Undergraduates (REEU)  
Research and Extension Experience in Energy and the Environment across Agriculture  
Disciplines (RE<sup>2</sup>AD)**

**June 1, 2026 to July 31, 2026**

**Application Deadline: February 1, 2026**

**Highlights of the USDA RE2AD REEU:**

- Nine-week summer undergraduate research program
- \$4,050 stipends plus travel allowance (round-trip to Kingsville and potential conference after the program)
- Meal allowance stipend (\$105/week) and free on-campus housing provided
- Extension experiences, Field Trips, Invited speakers from industries, and weekly seminars about various research disciplines, technical writing, presentation skills, graduate school preparation, etc.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.tamuk.edu/engineering/institutes-research/USDA-REEU/index.html>

or

<https://bit.ly/3nUQca0>

***Please Print or Type. Complete all items, if not applicable then please write 'NA' in the space.***

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:\*** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please note: You will be notified by email if selected. Please type or write legibly.**

Please check one:

\_\_\_\_ I am a current student at TAMUK; K#: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Major \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a senior or junior student? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I am a current student at another U.S. university/community college;

Current Major \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Name of university/community college: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident? Yes\_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If selected, will you commute \_\_\_\_\_, or stay in the dorm\_\_\_\_\_?

***Please provide the following demographic information as part of the application form (The demographic information will only be used for program preparation and reporting to USDA. We will NOT use the demographic information as part of the selection criteria).***

**Ethnicity:**    ☐ Hispanic or Latino                      ☐ Not Hispanic or Latino

**Race: (Choose one or more response)**    ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native                      ☐ Asian  
☐ Black or African American                      ☐ White  
☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  
☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**Gender:**    ☐ Male                      ☐ Female

**Disability:**    ☐ Hearing    ☐ Visual                      ☐ Mobility/Orthopedic                      ☐ None  
☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you find this REEU opportunity?**

☐ From USDA website                      ☐ From TAMUK website                      ☐ From your friends or faculty  
☐ Others: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Educational Plans and Challenges**

Use the provided scale to indicate your level of agreement/disagreement with the statements.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1) Participating in this research program would have an impact on whether or not I complete my degree.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2) I am committed to completing my bachelor's degree.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3) Participating in this research program would have an impact on whether or not I attend a graduate school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4) I am interested in attending graduate school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5) This program may help determine whether to major or work in a science, technology, engineering, or math fields.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**On the next page, please rank your preferences for each project.**

**Please Pay Attention to the List of Required Application Documents on the Next Page**

Each project will host two student participants to work as a team. Please use 1 for the best and 5 for the least to rank the following projects. Detailed project description of each project can be found at the RE2AD website.

### Potential Research Projects in Summer 2026

Potential Projects	Rank
1) The Impact of Extreme Events on Agriculture Product Supply Chain	
2) Feasibility Analysis of Developing Wind or Solar Energy Facilities in Farms and Ranches	
3) Chemical Impregnation of Crop-Derived Activated Carbon for Enhanced Removal of Air Pollutants from Gas Streams	
4) Analysis of Sediments and their Associated Contaminants from Agricultural Lands and Coastal Watersheds	
5) Agricultural Management and Natural Resource Conservation: Interface between Natural, Economic, and Social Systems	

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Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*The completed application package must be emailed or postmarked by February 1, 2026.*

### Please Pay Attention to the List of Required Application Documents

**To be qualified, you must:**

- 1) *be a US citizen or permanent resident,*
- 2) *have 3.0 or above GPA,*
- 3) *be enrolled in a degree program at a community college or four-year university through August 2024, and*
- 4) **SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS BEFORE THE APPLICATION DEADLINE:**
  - a) *your completed application form (this form),*
  - b) *a current unofficial transcript,*
  - c) *at least two recommendation letters (signed letters can be sent by your referrer directly to Dr. Hua Li via email or be sent by yourself together with other documents)*
  - d) *resume, and*
  - e) *a one-page research interest essay describing your qualification, previous research experiences (if any), and your interests in this program*

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