

Cornell University  
Department of Plant Pathology  
and Plant-Microbe Biology

## 2009 Summer Research Scholars Program



Cornell University's Department of Plant Pathology and Plant-Microbe Biology in Geneva, New York has developed a Summer Research Scholars Program where undergraduate students can participate in exciting research projects within the discipline of plant pathology and plant-microbe biology. Students will have the opportunity to work with faculty and their graduate students and postdocs on research projects that can be laboratory or field-based. Many of our basic research projects have a translational alignment with practical problem solving applications for the agricultural community. The goal of the program is to provide undergraduates with the opportunity to plan and conduct experiments, evaluate data, communicate results, and learn about opportunities in the broad scientific area of plant disease studies.

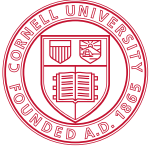
The Scholar will have the opportunity to participate in other career-related activities including trips to farms, orchards, and vineyards in the area. Other touring opportunities will also be available, for example weekend trips to Niagara Falls, the Eastman (Kodak) House, Cooperstown (Baseball Hall of Fame), hiking in the Finger Lakes region, etc.

### Specifics

- Eight week internships in conducting research in plant pathology and plant-microbe biology
- Gain research experience and learn about plant pathology at Cornell University's Department of Plant Pathology in Geneva
- Additional programs and trips will be offered
- Benefits include housing, food allowance, assistance with transportation costs, and a \$3,800 stipend
- Starts on June 3, 2009 and runs through July 29, 2009

### Eligibility

- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Must have completed two years of college level study in one of the life sciences by June 2008



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## INSTRUCTIONS

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#### General:

Only United States *citizens* or *permanent residents* are eligible for this program  
The submission deadline for all application related material is **MARCH 1, 2009**

#### What you need to submit:

1. **Application.** **Application Form** submitted online.
  2. **Official Transcript**, mailed (postmarked by **March 1, 2009**) to:  
Amy Andersen  
Summer Scholars Program  
Department of Plant Pathology and Plant-Microbe Biology  
630 West North Street  
Cornell University, NYSAES  
Geneva, New York 14456  
Phone: 315-787-2331
  3. **Waiver of Inspection to Academic Reference Letters.** Please fill out the **Waiver of Inspection Form** (for each reference professor, two copies are needed), print, sign, and mail one copy for each reference professor to Amy Andersen at the address above (postmarked by March 1, 2009), and give the duplicate copy to your reference professor for their information.
  4. **Two Academic Reference Letters** submitted by the referees online. These reference letters should be from two professors who know you well and who can evaluate your ability, experience, and potential. Each reference letter needs to be completed and submitted using the online **Academic Reference Form**. You should assume responsibility to follow up with your professors to know that materials have been submitted.
  5. **Personal Statement** submitted online. Please provide a **Personal Statement** (single spaced and limited to 4,200 characters with spaces) addressing each of the following (single spaced and limited to 4,200 characters with spaces):
    - A. Describe your personal career goals and objectives
    - B. Your reasons for wanting to participate in the Summer Scholars program
    - C. Your previous research experience and acquired skills
    - D. Why you are interested in the discipline of plant pathology or plant-microbe biology
- **Questions about the Summer Research Scholars Program may be addressed to:**  
Professor Harvey C. Hoch  
Department of Plant Pathology and Plant-Microbe Biology  
630 West North Street  
Cornell University, NYSAES  
Geneva, New York 14456  
Email: [hch1@cornell.edu](mailto:hch1@cornell.edu)  
Phone: 315-787-2332

Acceptance notifications will be issued by March 16, 2009.

Relevant online forms:

- Application Form** (for the applicant)
- Waiver of Inspection Form** (for the applicant)
- Academic Reference Form** (for the professor)
- Personal Statement** (for the applicant)

All application material due by **March 1, 2009**.