

# Announcing the University of Rhode Island Cultivating Change Multicultural Scholars Program



## What's the purpose of the program?

Employment opportunities in the agricultural and related sciences are growing, but the number of qualified college graduates is not. Funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, the URI Cultivating Change Multicultural Scholars Program (CATCH-MSP) seeks to increase enrollment in URI's undergraduate programs in the agricultural and food sciences by students from diverse backgrounds.

## What are the benefits?

Scholars will:

- receive a \$6,500 a year scholarship for four years for tuition, room and board, and education-related expenses;
- have the opportunity to work on an independent research project with a faculty mentor;
- participate in a paid summer research fellowship; and
- receive individualized academic support and career counseling, including mentoring by industry leaders.

## Who should apply?

Anyone with a strong interest in pursuing a career as a food or agricultural professional or scientist. Students may enroll in undergraduate programs including Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems, Animal Science & Technology, Aquaculture & Fisheries Science, Cell and Molecular Biology, Environmental Science & Management, Marine Affairs, and Plant Sciences. Eligible candidates 1) have been (or will be) accepted for the fall 2020 undergraduate class, 2) are U.S. citizens/permanent residents, 3) have not been previously enrolled in a bachelor's program in the agricultural or related sciences, and 4) are from a group underrepresented in those sciences.

## How do I apply?

To apply to URI, visit <https://web.uri.edu/admission/>

To apply to the MSP program, contact the MSP program director, Dr. John Taylor, at [jr\\_taylor@uri.edu](mailto:jr_taylor@uri.edu) or (401) 874-9027.

## Are additional sources of funding available?

MSP scholars are eligible for financial aid, grants, and other scholarships, including Centennial Scholarships. To learn more, visit <https://web.uri.edu/enrollment/financial-aid/> & <https://web.uri.edu/enrollment/grants-and-scholarships/>