

Multicultural Scholars Agroecology & Food Justice Scholarship



What is the scholarship?

The Multicultural Scholars Agroecology & Food Justice Scholarship supports undergraduates to pursue interests in agroecology, sustainable food systems, and food justice, to develop their knowledge and skills, to complete degrees, and to prepare for jobs in the fields of agroecology and food systems. The Scholarship seeks to build a more inclusive and equitable food system and academic community in agroecology. Recipients of the scholarship will be students who are interested in pursuing a B.A. in Environmental Studies with a Concentration in Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems (or closely related field of study), and will:

- take classes related to agroecology and food systems
- enroll in internships at the UCSC farm and/or with local organizations
- participate in workshops to enhance leadership skills
- Engage with community partners in an Alternative Spring Break in Watsonville
- Receive funding for a summer research or internship experience

How will I benefit?

Scholars will benefit financially, and will receive guidance for their university experience. Benefits include:

- \$6500 scholarship each year for 2 (incoming transfer students) or 4 years (incoming frosh)
- \$4000 towards an 8-week summer experience (such as an internship with a local non-profit or in a research lab)
- funding for text books and supplies
- quarterly check-ins on academic progress with UCSC faculty
- gaining leadership and job skills
- building connections with community partners

How can I apply?

To eligible students must be accepted to start at UCSC in Fall 2019 as transfer or frosh, intend to declare a major in Environmental Studies (or related field), have interests in agroecology, food systems, or food justice, be a member of a historically under-represented group in academia, and be a U.S. citizen. To apply, visit this [Google Form](#), and submit: 1) a 1-2 page statement of purpose essay, 2) a 1-2 page essay about your interest in agroecology, food systems, and/or food justice, c) High school and (if applicable) community college transcripts. In addition, arrange for two letters of recommendation to be sent to Dr. Stacy Philpott, Environmental Studies Department, UC Santa Cruz, at sphilpot@ucsc.edu. One letter must be academic (from a teacher, counselor, principal), and the other can be academic or from a job or club supervisor. All materials must be received by April 1, 2019 at 5:00 PM (PST). Contact: Dr. Stacy Philpott (sphilpot@ucsc.edu), 831-459-1549 for more info.

