



The ANR Institute for Multicultural Students (AIMS) is a one-week program sponsored by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) at Michigan State University (MSU).

What is AIMS?

AIMS is designed to give high school students broad exposure to the food and agricultural sciences, natural resources and related fields.

A career in agriculture or natural resources involves a lot more than farming. There are a wide variety of educational and career opportunities in the food and agricultural sciences, agricultural engineering, and environmental and natural resources management, as well as other areas including environmental science, agribusiness and agriculture education. Many high school students are not aware of these opportunities.

Who can participate in AIMS?

High school students in 9th through 11th grades can participate in AIMS. Most of our student participants are previously unfamiliar with the broad and diverse fields involved in the agriculture and natural resources industries. They are open-minded and interested in learning about these new and different areas.

Students are selected for AIMS based on interest and academic performance in high school. They are known by their teachers and counselors as students who are interested in science, math, business or related areas.

What will I do as an AIMS participant?

You will participate in demonstrations, tours and other hands-on activities designed to give a sampling of what agriculture and natural resources fields have to offer. You will also have the opportunity to participate in a number of other educational, cultural and social activities.

During your week on campus, you and other AIMS participants will join with students from the Multicultural Apprenticeship Program for evening leadership seminars and social activities. Students from both programs live in the university residence halls and have meals in the dining halls with students from other summer programs.

How much does AIMS cost?

Students participate in AIMS free of charge. The program is supported by the MSU CANR and a number of other public and private agencies and corporations. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the MSU campus.

When does the program take place?

Program dates: July 7–July 12, 2019

Application Deadline: April 12, 2019



How do I apply for AIMS?

To apply for AIMS, you should submit the following completed items:

1. AIMS student application
2. Essay questions
3. An official transcript (including classes in progress)
4. One letter of recommendation

Applications are available for downloading or by request via email or phone. If you plan to download the application, please make sure your computer has Adobe Reader.

If requesting an application by email, please place in the subject heading of your email "Requesting AIMS Application" and include your name, email address and mailing address in the body of the email to seaborn@msu.edu. If requesting an application by phone, please call 517-355-0234 and inform the CANR representative that you would like to request an AIMS application.

Please send all materials to:

Phillip Seaborn
Assistant Director, Undergraduate Diversity
446 West Circle Drive, Room 121
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI 48824



(This application is for the AIMS pre-college program sponsored by the College of Agriculture & Natural Resources only.)

Selection of participants into AIMS will be made based on academic achievement, the application and essay questions, and recommendations. The completed application must be postmarked on April 12, 2019.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

(Please print legibly or type.)

Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone number _____ Email _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____

Parent/Guardian Phone _____ Student Birthdate _____

Gender (check one): Male Female

American Indian/Alaskan Native Tribal affiliation _____
Asian/Pacific Islander (Asian American)
Black/African-American Non-Hispanic Mixed heritage (Please Specify) _____
Chicano/Mexican American Hispanic/Latino
White/Caucasian Non-Hispanic Other (Please Specify) _____

INTEREST AREAS

Listed below are some of the potential areas in which participants in the AIMS program will have the opportunity to visit. Which areas are of interest to you? Please indicate your level of interest in the following:

Program Areas	Very Interested	Somewhat Interested	Not Interested
Agricultural & Natural Resources Education			
Agricultural Marketing/Business			
Animal Science			
Biosystems Engineering			
Community Sustainability			
Construction Management			
Crop and Soil Sciences			
Entomology			
Environmental Sciences			
Fisheries and Wildlife			
Food Industry Management			
Food Science/Nutrition/Dietetics			
Forestry			
Horticulture			
Interior Design			
Landscape Architecture			
Landscaping/Nursery Management			
Packaging			
Plant Sciences			
Sustainable Parks, Recreation and Tourism			

AIMS APPLICATION ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please answer all the essay questions below. The essay questions are a very important part of the application — selection to the AIMS is based largely on these questions. Please be sure to fully answer ALL the questions. Please type and double space your answers using 8.5- by 11-inch paper with 1-inch margins at top, bottom, left and right. Please use a standard font size of 11 or 12.

Essay questions

- 1) Why do you want to participate in the ANR Institute for Multicultural Students (AIMS)?
- 2) What other programs and extracurricular activities have you been involved with?
- 3) What are your educational and career goals?
- 4) What experiences, if any, have you had in agriculture or natural resources?
- 5) What area of agriculture or natural resources listed on page 1 is of most interest to you, and why?
- 6) What role does agriculture and/or natural resources play in America and the world?
- 7) Define diversity and explain how it is relevant to you (or your life).

PARENTAL CONSENT

I hereby grant permission for my son/daughter (print name) _____ to participate in all activities of the ANR Institute for Multicultural Students sponsored by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at Michigan State University. I understand that if he/she is selected, I will be asked to provide additional information on health insurance and other pertinent matters.

Name of parent/guardian (Please print.) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

STUDENT AGREEMENT

I hereby apply for the ANR Institute for Multicultural Students (AIMS). If selected, I agree to participate fully in all activities and to remain in the program for the full week. I agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the Undergraduate Diversity Programs and of Michigan State University.

Signature _____ Date _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

This information is to be completed by the guidance counselor or advisor. This application form must be accompanied by a high school transcript and other supporting documentation.

Name of high school _____

Street address _____
Number Street

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone number _____

SCHOOL CERTIFICATIONS

This is to certify that _____ is a student in good standing
Student Name
in the _____ grade at _____
Current Grade Level School Name
Grade point average _____ Class rank _____
Name of person completing certification _____
Position _____
Signature _____ Date _____

TO THE COUNSELOR/ADVISOR

Please make certain that the student has fully completed the application and that it has been signed by the student and his/her parent or guardian. Incomplete applications will not be included in the applicant screening process. Please check to be certain that the following items are attached:

- Application form
- Essay questions
- An official transcript (including work in progress)
- One recommendation form

APPLICANT RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicant's name _____

Name of applicant's high school _____

PLEASE RATE THIS STUDENT'S: **Superior** **Above Average** **Average** **Below Average** **Poor**

Communication Skills

Demonstrated Leadership Skills

Ability To Work With Others

Ability To Work Unsupervised

Willingness To Learn/Try New Things

Classroom Behavior

Potential For Growth Through AIMS

Please provide any additional information about this applicant that the selection committee should consider.

Evaluator's name _____

Title/position _____

Phone number _____ Email _____

Signature _____

OVERALL RECOMMENDATION OF THIS APPLICANT (Please check one)

Strongly Recommend

Recommend

Recommend With Reservations

Do Not Recommend



Please have the completed packet, postmarked by April 12, 2019, sent to:

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