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School of Arts and Sciences

Visiting and Early Research Scholars Experiences Program (VERSE)

The VERSE program invites undergraduate students to participate in a 10-week summer research immersion experience designed to 1) connect students to faculty mentors with active research projects, 2) provide students with valuable mentored, hands-on research training that will build their confidence to conduct research and to design their own research projects in the future, and 3) encourage students to pursue graduate education.

Scholar Award includes:

- Scholar Stipend Meals and Housing accommodations
- Professional development workshops
- Social Events
- Travel (Limited number of awards)

Eligibility:

Underrepresented students as defined by the US National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS)
No previous research experience required
Minimum GPA of 3.0

Application Instructions

Please make sure you have all application attachments ready to upload before starting the application. **All attachments must be in word or pdf.**

- Attach resume (Maximum 2 pages)
- Select three faculty from the Faculty Roster (<https://as.tufts.edu/verse-faculty-0>)
- Attach a copy of your transcript(s)
- Attach a brief personal statement (Maximum 1 page)
- Attach a brief statement of your research interests (Maximum 1 page)
- Send two letters of recommendation directly to jackie.dejean@tufts.edu

Deadline for submission of all materials: February 28th, 2020, 11:59 PM

If you have any questions, please direct them to Jacqueline S. Dejean, DLP, Assistant Dean of Research, School of Arts and Sciences and Assistant Dean of Diversity & Inclusion, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. She can be reached at jackie.dejean@tufts.edu.

Email Address

Last Name

First name

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)

University or College Affiliation

Preferred Mailing Address (all correspondence including stipend and travel award payments will be shared with you using this address).

Preferred Phone Number

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

Emergency Contact Information: Name, address, phone number, and email if they have it. (In case of an emergency that affects you, who do you want us to contact first?)

Were you a VERSE Student in 2018 or 2019?

- No
- Yes

Academic Year as of **September 1, 2020**:

- Freshman (Ineligible for VERSE Program)
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior
- Graduate (Ineligible for VERSE Program)

Are you a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or permanent resident of the United States? (Selecting "No" does not disqualify you from this program, but may limit your options.)

- Yes
 - No
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Gender

Male

Female

Non-binary/ third gender

Prefer to self-describe _____

Race/Ethnicity (Check all that apply)

- African American, Black
- American Indian, Native American, or Native Alaskan
- Asian
- Hispanic or Latino/a
- Native Alaskan
- Pacific Islander
- White
- If not listed above, please describe here:

Are you a first-generation student?

(Definition: An undergraduate whose parents never enrolled in post-secondary education, including technical/vocational schools, community college, 4 yr college, or university, any where in the world.)

- Yes
- No

List the names of three faculty members you would like to work with from the Faculty Roster.

Please provide a brief statement of your research interests explaining your faculty choices.
(Word or pdf files only; no more than one page double spaced, 12 font)

Personal Statement: Tell us why you are interested in participating in the VERSE program.
(Word or pdf files only; no more than 1 page double spaced, 12 font.)

Please attach resumé. (Maximum 2 pages) (Word or PDF files only)

Please attach a copy of your most recent transcript (unofficial transcripts are fine). (Word or PDF files only)

Below provide the names/ email addresses of your two recommenders.

ATTENTION! This is the final page of the application. Before hitting the "next" button, be sure to go back and double check your answers.

If you have any questions about the application, please contact jackie.dejean@tufts.edu.

Semi-finalist interviews will be held March 1st through March 15th.
Finalists will be notified of an award between March 16th and April 30th.