

## **USDA CSREES National Needs Fellowships (NNF) for Pre-Doctoral (PhD) Students**

### **Animal Reproduction and Biotechnology Laboratory (ARBL) Colorado State University**

Set in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, ARBL brings together a diverse group of talented and internationally recognized faculty. Attracting students and scientists from around the world, the Laboratory is a vibrant center of collaborative basic, translational and clinical research, clinical services for an international clientele, translation of biotechnologies to industries, and comprehensive academic programs. The mission of the ARBL is to excel through discovery, translation and dissemination of knowledge in reproductive sciences and biotechnologies at local, national and international levels. The ARBL announces NNF for pre-doctoral (PhD) students. These fellowships are designed to increase the multicultural diversity (economic, social, cultural, racial, ethnic, geographic, gender, traditionally under-served populations) of the nation's scientific and professional expertise in the food and agricultural sciences. The ARBL NNF research areas are: Assisted Reproductive Technology; Environmental Reproductive Toxicology; Fertility, Sterility & Contraception; Pregnancy, Development & Stem Cell Biology; and Reproductive Cancers and Disease. ARBL NNF recipients must be US citizens or nationals and under-represented minority students, as specified in the NNF RFP: Alaskan Native, American Indian, Asian-American, Black (African-American), Hispanic American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, or any other group under-represented in undergraduate and first professional degree study in the food and agricultural sciences as indicated in standard statistical references, or as documented on a case-by-case basis by national survey data submitted to and accepted by the Secretary. Applicants must complete the MS or DVM degree prior to entry into the NNF training program. Annual stipends are \$24,500. Review of applications will begin 2/15/10. Applicants must complete the 2-part online application available at the Colorado State University Graduate School's website: <http://graduateschool.colostate.edu/prospective-students/apply/us-citizen-or-permanent-resident-materials-checklist.aspx>. Additionally, we require supplementary materials which include: 3 letters of recommendation, 1 official transcript from every college or university attended, GRE scores, a personal statement, and a letter of intent regarding the fellowship.

Please send the supplementary application materials to ARBL-NNF, c/o Erin Bisenius, Campus Delivery 1680, Fort Collins, CO 80523-1680.

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