Student Applicant Statement of Interest

To be completed by the Student Applicant:

Student's Name ____________________________________________________________________

Faculty Mentor's Name ________________________________________________________________

Faculty Mentor's College/Department: ________________________________________________

Apprenticeship Project:________________________________________________________________________________
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Please respond to the essay questions below in a maximum of five (5) pages total (typed, double-
spaced, Times New Roman 12-pt font with one-inch margins). Print your essays and attach them to
this form. To complete your application, you must submit four (4) hard copies of this form and
your essays, along with four (4) hard copies of the REAP Application Cover Sheet, Apprenticeship
Project Proposal, and Budget Form, to the Hamel Center for Undergraduate Research. Please note
that all parts of the application (as outlined in the REAP Application Guidelines) should be
submitted at the same time, not separately.

Deadline: March 30, 2020

**REAP Student Applicant Essay 1** (approximately three pages):
1. What is your understanding of the proposed REAP research topic (i.e., the general
problem/issue/question to be addressed) and why it is significant?
2. Why are you interested in this research topic?
3. What past experiences (academic and non-academic) do you think have prepared you for the
proposed REAP project?
4. How is this proposed project related to your educational and/or long-term career goals?

**REAP Student Applicant Essay 2** (approximately two pages):
Please write about an important academic experience that you have had in your first year of
college and its significance for you. This could be an experience that was intellectually
challenging, thought-provoking, enlightening, or inspiring.