

**Research Experience and Apprenticeship Program (REAP)
Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP)
Hamel Center for Undergraduate Research**

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:

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 29, 2021

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.