



Innovative Plant Technology Experiences
for Texas High School Students (going into grades 9-11)

2010 ITEST Student Fellow Application Form

TO: Texas Students going into grades 9-11 and Parents

**FROM: Dr. Claire Hemingway, Botanical Society of America
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Come join us to get a taste of supervised college life * Solve plant cases * Visit labs and gardens * Meet scientists and plant professionals * Explore career options

We invite you to apply to attend an innovative summer hands-on experience with plants and technology used to solve real-world biology problems.

The program is designed for students with an **interest in science and technology**, so you don't have to be in honors or gifted classes to apply. ITEST Student Fellows have a chance to meet scientists, take field trips, stay in supervised college dorms, and create a media presentation to tell the story of your summer science experience.

Funding from the National Science Foundation supports 25 students to become ITEST Student Fellows. **Dorm, food, and travel costs are covered.** Activities begin Monday morning and conclude Friday mid afternoon with informal presentations and prizes. Parents/guardians are welcome to attend this closing session!

Applications must be received by **April 2, 2010**. Students will be notified soon after. Please read carefully and complete all items:

- Application form
- Parent/guardian information and consent
- Teacher recommendation

Both students and parents/guardians must sign the form to indicate consent and agreement to follow all requirements, liability waivers, and medical information.

Thank you for your interest in this summer science enrichment experience for students.

Send completed application to:

myPlant IT
Botanical Society of America
4475 Castleman Ave
St. Louis, MO 63110
314-577-9515 FAX

Contact for questions:

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What is currently your favorite science class? What do you like most about it?

What are some extra-curricular school or community activities that you like to participate in such as music, student government, sports, Boy/Girl Scouts, or other service and social groups?

Have you attended other summer camps? Please list them.

Today's youth can look forward to many different career options. List at least 3 careers that most interest you.

Why do you want to become an ITEST Student Fellow?

Is there anything else that you'd like to tell us about yourself?



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PARENTAL/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Last First Middle Initial

Home mailing address (street address, / city/ state / zip code)

Home/evening phone number Work/day phone

Email, if available Relationship to applicant

BEST WAY TO REACH YOU IN JULY? Phone number _____/email _____

PARENTAL AND STUDENT CONSENT

As the parent/guardian, I certify that my child has permission to participate in this program. I also give permission for my child to participate in interviews and data collection by evaluators and project staff. I understand that in the event of a health emergency I will be notified, but if I cannot be reached, my child will be subject to the regulations of the host institution, Texas A&M University, such as medical treatment deemed necessary.

Please list any known allergies, required medications, or health issues:

Name of student's physician:

Parent/Guardian signature Date

From time to time, participants will be photographed, videotaped or interviewed for possible promotion about the project (articles, flyers, podcasts). I give the Plant IT project permission to include my child in publicity activities.

Parent/Guardian signature Date

Student Applicant signature Date

I agree to follow safety policies and rules during the summer activities.

Student Applicant signature Date



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STUDENT NAME

Last
First
Middle Initial

To the student: Please give this sheet to your science teacher to complete.

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, you have the right to review your educational records and recommendations. You may also waive this right.

I waive my right to read this recommendation.

I do not waive my right to read this recommendation.

Student signature

Date

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION (If student waives the right above, you may enclose this sheet in a sealed envelope for the student to include in the application materials.)

To the recommender: Student Fellows will explore real-world biology cases and diverse plant and technology careers. The program is designed for students with a variety of backgrounds who share an **interest in science and technology**.

Your candid evaluation of the student will help us select students who are likely to succeed in and benefit from the opportunity to interact with peers, project staff, teachers, scientists and career professionals. Please relate your responses to the student's attributes and skills as compared to students of similar age and grade level.

Attribute/Skill	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Fair	No basis to judge
Interest in science/technology					
Motivation/enthusiasm					
Intellectual ability					
Critical thinking ability					
Presentation skills					
Creativity					
Peer compatibility/ability to work in groups					
General emotional maturity					

Please provide any additional information concerning the student's potential for success as an ITEST Student Fellow. (You may use the back of this sheet or attach separate sheet.)

Your recommendation: highly recommend recommend with reservation not at all

Your name

Position/title

Length of time you have known the candidate

Teacher signature

Date