The ASPIRE program is seeking highly-motivated undergraduate students from a variety of backgrounds, with a strong interest in sustainable agriculture or food systems, to participate in this unique interdisciplinary 10-week summer research and extension program.

The CEFS Agroecology Scholars Program in Research and Extension (ASPIRE) prepares undergraduates with technical skills to understand sustainable agriculture and community food systems from a broad systems perspective, while receiving close mentorship and access to hands-on, cutting edge research and professional development.

Program details:

- Students will be assigned a faculty and graduate student mentor based on research interests and will work to complete a research project over the summer.
- The program will start with a 4-day tour of diverse agricultural systems across NC.
- Students will have the opportunity to travel to a post-summer conference and present their research to further their professional network and career opportunities. A $1000 stipend to cover conference costs will be provided to those interested.
- Participants receive a $4,000 stipend, and apartment-style housing.

Eligibility:
Candidates for the ASPIRE program must:

- be citizens or permanent residents of the United States
- be enrolled in a degree program at an accredited 2 or 4 year college or university
- be entering their sophomore, junior, or senior year
- be able to work at least 40 hours per week for the entire 10 week term (5/26 – 8/1)

No previous research or extension experience is necessary.

For more information and to apply:  
https://cefs.ncsu.edu/academics-and-education/internships/  
Or contact: Dr. Angel Cruz, CEFS Academic and Extension Initiatives Manager at 919-513-0954 or aecruz@ncsu.edu