--> working  
  
 <c:set var="strophe" value="'" />  
 <c:set var="fdescr" value="${fn:replace(param.fdescription, strophe,'&#39;')}" />  
   
<sql:update var="input" dataSource="${jdbc}">  
insert into alpha.researchertest (email, name, familyname, givenname, phone, webpage, description, password, department, university, degree)  
values ('${param.femail }', '${param.flast }, ${param.fgiven }','${param.flast }', '${param.fgiven }', '${param.fphone }', '${param.fwebpage }', '${fdescr }', '${param.fpass }', '${param.fdept }', '${param.funi }', '${param.fdegree }')  
</sql:update>  
  
  
--> return code (text area preserves the line break. I don't know how it's saved in the table.)  
  
<td>  
 <c:set var="strophe" value="&#39;" />  
 <c:set var="strophe2" value="'" />  
 <c:set var="hello" value="${fn:replace(row.description, strophe, strophe2)}" />  
<textarea name="fdescription" cols=60% rows="10" disabled="disabled"><c:out value="${hello }"/></textarea>  
</td>