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Dear Priscilla Nguyen,

The review committee for the USDA-NIFA funded **FACT: Research Experience for Undergraduates on Phenomics Big Data Management** are **very pleased to accept your application** for our summer research program. The overall goal of this experience is to introduce undergraduates to resources and research associated with crop phenomics, a new transdisciplinary field of research that is a critical interface between plant biology, engineering, and data sciences.

This is a nine-week program running from **June 1 – August 4, 2023**. The experience will require your full-time commitment (40 h/week). Over the course of this program, you will dive into the world of research by engaging with your faculty mentor and other scientists, graduate students, and undergraduate researchers to complete a research project by the end of the program. Along the way, we will offer an array of professional development activities and other formal and informal opportunities to learn more about working in phenomics data research.

Based on your interest indicated in your application, I will serve as your mentor. I encourage you to explore my website (<https://labs.wsu.edu/sankaran-phenomics/>) to learn more about what I do as you consider this program as one of your summer experience options, or reach out to me directly if you have questions about what research you might complete or for general questions.

You will have **in-person research experience** with some virtual training. You will receive your summer stipend (\$4500 received in two installments) and our team is working to ensure your experience will provide you with high quality and engaging experience.

We kindly request you accept or decline this offer by **May 4, 2023, or sooner**. By acceptance, you will agree to sincerely participate in all activities associated with the project including:

- Phenomics Data Boot Camp and other program seminars
- Field trips
- Field days
- Brown bag seminars
- Graduate education seminar
- WSU Summer Research Symposium

Please indicate your choice below and send your response to this email. Once again, congratulations on being accepted into this summer program.

I, Priscilla Nguyen (name) decline (accept / decline) this summer opportunity offer. I understand that if I accept, I indicate I am agreeing to participate in this summer program and will receive further communication on how to prepare for the

experience.

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 05/04/2023

Sincerely,



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