

What will you gain?

- As a FCCAgE student, you will gain
- A Tuition Scholarship at Miami Dade College
- A \$500 Book award
- Funded campus based research
- Funded Summer Internship
- The professional development required to enter the USDA workforce or to continue on to higher education
- The Necessary tools to stand out of the crowd and land a professional job



"As a Hispanic, first-generation college student, I am extremely grateful for scholarship opportunities, such as the USDA HSI Grant. Without this form of support, I would not have been able to accomplish many of my research and career goals."

Thelma Velez
FIU, Graduate research assistant

What is FCCAgE?

FCCAgE is a multi-institutional consortium funded by the USDA Hispanic Serving Institution's Grants Program. The Biology department of Miami Dade College, North Campus works with Florida International University (FIU), St. Thomas University and Universidad Inter-Americana de Puerto Rico, San German, Puerto Rico. Among other institutions, the FCCAgE is partnering with Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden and Earth Learning in order to offer students with a holistic, multidisciplinary, and problem-based approach necessary for tackling tomorrow's agro-ecological challenges.



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Florida-Caribbean Consortium for Agriculture Education & Hispanic Workforce Development (FCCAgE)



Training Hispanic students for a career in agriculture, food and natural resources through...
research, internship, career development and scholarships

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Florida-Caribbean Consortium for Agriculture Education & Hispanic Workforce Development



Participants will be engaged in hands on learning at

- **USDA**
- **Local farms**
- **Community organizations**

How do I get additional information?

Call the Biology, Health & Wellness Department, Miami Dade College – North 305-237-1101

Or visit <http://www.mdc.edu/north/biology/fccage.asp>



Application Requirements

1. **Resume**
2. **A recent transcript**
3. **Two letters of recommendation**
(Preference: Letter from a faculty member, freshmen can submit a letter from their High School Science teacher).
4. **Completed Application Packet**
(downloadable from <http://www.mdc.edu/north/biology/fccage.asp>)

Applications will be reviewed 2 weeks before each major term (fall and Spring).

A combination of grades, test scores, recommendations, an essay on an assigned topic and personal interview will be used to determine students' acceptance into FCCAgE program. All accepted students receive a scholarship towards their education at MDC.



What will be required of enrolled students?

- **Enrollment in relevant course work**
- **Minimum 12 hours per week of research, service-learning, and program activities**
- **Annual Lab-based research engagement**
- **Two community engagement projects**
- **Presentation at annual symposium**
- **Participation in career training fair**
- **Two USDA internships**
- **Move on to USDA or other federal jobs or higher education.**

