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Graduate students can apply for specialty crop research grants

(Palmer, AK) – Alaska graduate students conducting research into specialty crops can apply for grants of up to \$10,000 to support their work, the Division of Agriculture announced today.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) grants are designed to promote student engagement in research into issues related, but not limited to, pest identification and mitigation, regional food systems, crop efficiencies, variety trials or feasibility studies.

USDA defines specialty crops as fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits and horticulture and nursery crops. Many Alaska Grown products – including livestock, dairy, fuel/feed grains, hay, and aquaculture – are excluded from the grant program, due to USDA restrictions. A list of USDA-eligible specialty crops is available at:

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbqg/specialty-crop>

Applications are due May 20, and the projects must be completed by September 30, 2020. To apply, go to:

http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/Grants/Graduate_Student_mini_Grant_RFP_2020.pdf

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