New Mexico State University (NMSU)
BIGDatA 20___ Summer Research Program
Acceptance Contract

Scholar Name (PRINT):___________________________________________________________

AWARD BENEFITS

• You will receive a stipend of $5,000 for 10 weeks in Summer 20__.
• We will cover reasonable travel costs to and from Las Cruces, New Mexico. If you fly or take the train, we must use the NMSU travel agent, so do not schedule your own flight. Please contact us before making travel arrangements.
• We will house you on the NMSU campus in an air-conditioned apartment complex, in a single occupancy room (2 rooms share one bathroom).
• Your stipend will be issued solely on the basis of successful and full participation in all requirements, activities, and scheduled events of the BIGDatA 20__ Summer Research Program (BIGDatA Program).

AWARD CONDITIONS
Please initial all award conditions

• I agree to conduct myself overall in a manner consistent with my status as a visitor at NMSU in Las Cruces, New Mexico, USA, and to abide by all local rules and regulations, including those of the host institutions and laboratories, and the housing authorities. ________ (Initial)

• I agree to abide by the local regulations regarding the consumption of alcohol. Abuse of alcohol will be punished according to local regulations and will, additionally, result in a hearing with BIGDatA Program administrators. Disciplinary action from the Program will reflect the circumstances of the infraction, and will range from formal reprimand to expulsion from the BIGDatA Program. ________ (Initial)

• I agree to refrain from the use and/or possession of drugs (other than prescription drugs used under the care of a physician) during the BIGDatA Program. I understand that violation will result in immediate expulsion from the BIGDatA Program. I further understand that the US government has a zero tolerance policy with regard to drug smuggling and possession, and that severe penalties can be imposed for violation. ________ (Initial)
• I agree to refrain from sexual or other harassment of BIGDatA Program participants and staff, and of others. Acts of individuals or of groups that diminish the friendliness of the participants’ workplaces and other BIGDatA Program venues, will not be tolerated. Disciplinary action from the BIGDatA Program will reflect the circumstances of the infraction, and will range from formal reprimand to expulsion from the BIGDatA Program. 

________ (Initial)

• I agree to participate fully in the BIGDatA Program, including attendance at all seminars, presentations, and institutional field trips, and to create and maintain a website that chronicles the progress of my research project in the BIGDatA Program. 

________ (Initial)

• I may not participate in summer schools, preparation courses, or otherwise be employed during the BIGDatA Program. 

________ (Initial)

• I may not receive additional funds for the research being performed during the BIGDatA Program. 

________ (Initial)

• I agree to meet with BIGDatA Program staff as needed as well as attend meetings with my mentor. 

________ (Initial)

• I agree to keep my REU blog up to date. 

________ (Initial)

• I agree and understand that failure to meet the award or program conditions may result in financial penalties and/or termination from the BIGDatA Program. 

________ (Initial)

• I agree to comply with all requests made of me verbally and written as directed by the BIGDatA Program staff. 

________ (Initial)

• I agree to acknowledge the awarding organization on all authorship resulting from my summer research. 

________ (Initial)

• I agree to leave an electronic copy of the materials generated during the summer such as data files, posters, presentations, and drafts, at the end of the BIGDatA Program. 

________ (Initial)

• As a condition of acceptance into the BIGDatA Program, I agree to update information on my educational and career activities after completion of the BIGDatA Program and graduation from the university. (This tracking is done solely to evaluate the effectiveness of the BIGDatA Program. It is critical that we are able to conduct this long-term evaluation in order to maintain continuing funding for the BIGDatA Program. The information collected remains strictly confidential.) 

________ (Initial)
• I agree to participate in the NSF required Responsible Conduct in Research Training. ________ (Initial)

• I agree and understand that NMSU is not liable for lost or stolen items left in, e.g., meeting rooms, public areas, or housing facilities. ________ (Initial)

• I agree that ownership all intellectual property that may be created as part of my participation in the BIGDatA Program will be governed by Policy 5.94.20 of the Administrative Rules and Procedures of NMSU and all applicable policies of any funding agency. ________ (Initial)

I accept / decline the above named award offered to me by the BIGDatA Program. I have read and agree to meet all of the conditions of this award as described in this contract and in the attached BIGDatA Program description. Failure to do so will result in the termination of my award.

Please read, initial, sign,
  • return the scanned copy of this contract to reu@cs.nmsu.edu by ____________, and
  • return the original copy by postal mail to the following address by ________________.

Dr. Huiping Cao
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MSC CS, P.O. Box 30001
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Please keep a copy of the contract for your records.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________