

Notice of Funding Opportunity 2019 Washington State University CGIAR Borlaug Fellowship Program

Washington State University (WSU) and the United States Department of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Service (USDA-FAS) are pleased to announce the 2019 WSU CGIAR Borlaug Fellowship Program (BFP) under the auspices of the Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellowship Program.

The WSU CGIAR Borlaug Fellowship Program promotes agricultural productivity, food security, and economic growth through collaborative research. Competitively selected Fellows will work one-on-one with a WSU mentor who will coordinate the training program. After completion of the fellowship, the mentor will visit the Fellow's home institution to continue collaboration on the research topic. WSU will assign mentors for each Fellow to ensure the best alignment with research interests.

The 2019 WSU CGIAR Borlaug Fellowship Program is funded by the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) and implemented by WSU.

Application deadline is 11:59 pm Pacific on Thursday, January 31, 2019.

Eligibility

To be considered for the WSU CGIAR Borlaug Fellowship Program, candidates must:

- Be currently employed by CIAT, CIP, ICARDA, WorldFish, or CIMMYT
- Be a citizen of an eligible BFP country¹
- Have never participated in the Cochran Fellowship or Borlaug Fellowship Programs in the past
- Have completed a Master's degree or higher
- Be in the early or middle stage of their career, with at least 2 years (but not more than 15 years) of relevant work experience from the date their last degree was awarded
- Be proficient in speaking/reading/writing English
- Demonstrate their intention to continue working in their home country after completing the fellowship
- Receive a medical clearance (required only after selection as a Fellow)

WSU and USDA select candidates based on their academic and professional research interests and achievements, level of scientific competence, aptitude for scientific research, leadership potential, likelihood of bringing back new ideas to their home institution, and flexibility and capacity for success in a cross-cultural environment. Consideration is also given to the relevance of the applicant's research area to the research topics highlighted in the application announcement and to global food security and trade.

¹ Algeria, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Egypt, Ethiopia, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, Vietnam, Zambia

Length of Fellowships

Fellowships last between 8-12 weeks and run from May through October 2019. All program proposals must include goals that are achievable within that timeframe. The WSU mentor will visit the Fellow's home institution after the U.S.-based portion of the fellowship and before February 2020.

Research Topics

Applicants may propose projects in any topic of agricultural research, including but not limited to: agricultural biotechnology, agricultural systems, animal health and nutrition, breeding and genetics (plant and animal), climate change, entomology, field crops and horticulture, food safety, food security and post-harvest loss, nutrition, plant health, plant pests and pathology, resilient agriculture, soil science, and water resource management. Applicants are encouraged to review the WSU website (<https://wsu.edu/>) to familiarize themselves with the university, its faculty, and their research strengths.

Application Requirements

Applicants will be evaluated, interviewed, and selected based on their entire application package and supporting materials. A complete submission package includes:

- Application form
- Research Proposal
- Research Plan
- Copy of passport
- Copy of transcript(s) or diploma(s) from Master's and/or Ph.D. program
- Signed forms
 - Application Certification form
 - Approval of Home Institution form
 - Conditions of Training form
- Two (2) reference letters

The application form and instructions can be downloaded at <https://ip.wsu.edu/CGIAR>.

Contact Information

For questions related to the application process, please contact WSU Global Research and Engagement (GRE) at ip.research@wsu.edu.