Scholarship/Fellowship

Greetings from the U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai!!

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications for the 2016 Norman E. Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellowship Program. Even if you are not individually interested in the opportunity, please consider sharing this email and the information about the 2016 Norman Borlaug Fellowship opportunity with others.

The program offers training and collaborative research opportunities to scientists, researchers, and policymakers from 32 eligible countries. Fellows will work one-on-one with a mentor at a U.S. university, research center, or government agency, usually for 8-12 weeks. The U.S. mentor will later visit the fellow's home institution to continue collaboration.

The deadline for applications is November 15, 2015. The topics selected for the current cycle for India are:

- Biotechnology Plant and animal genomic applications that lead to the creation of new agricultural technologies that enhance food security
- Climate Smart Agriculture New agricultural technologies to increase productivity, enhance resiliency (e.g., reduced vulnerability to pests, drought, diseases, or erratic weather. etc.), or reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Post-Harvest Loss technology that addresses issues such as packaging processes, food safety and quality, food losses/waste, etc.

Interested candidates should email "AgNewDelhi@fas.usda.gov" for additional information and/or reach out to "borlaugfellowships@fas.usda.gov"

More information on the Borlaug Fellowship Program is available, including how to apply online, from the following website:

http://www.fas.usda.gov/programs/borlaug-fellowship-program/applying-borlaug-fellowship-program

Additional Information on applicant eligibility and application requirements is below.

Eligibility

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

- --Be citizens of an eligible country
- -- Be fluent in English
- -- Have completed a Master's or higher degree
- -- Be in the early or middle stage of their career, with at least two years of practical experience
- -- Be employed by a university, government agency or research entity in their home country
- -- Demonstrate their intention to continue working in their home country after completing the fellowship Applicants are selected 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 aptitude 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.

Application Requirements

Candidates must apply via the online application system (link below). The following information will be required:

- -- Completed application form
- -- 2-3 page program proposal and action plan
- -- Signed approval from applicant's home institution
- -- Two letters of recommendation
- -- Official copy of transcript for college/university degree(s) received
- -- Copy of passport identification page

<u>Click here to access the online application system</u> (an external, third-party site)

Sincerely, Behrooz



International Exchange Alumni Website



International Exchange Alumni Facebook Group (Western India)