Host Application:
Research and Innovation Consultancy Fellowship for Agriculture (RIFA)
Due to ucrifa@ucdavis.edu by 11:30 pm Pacific Time Friday, December 7th.

The Research and Innovation Fellowship for Agriculture connects graduate-degree level professionals enrolled in environmental, agricultural and food system studies at University of California campuses with global organizations seeking specific expertise, skills and knowledge. Together the hosts, fellows and their faculty mentors thoroughly plan the projects prior to departure. Each fellow then spends between two and six months in-country on project implementation and follows this time up with an additional two months of activities back on the home campus to complete project deliverables.

Eligibility: RIFA hosts may be any type of international organization: Private institution/company, governmental institution, NGO, university, or international research institute that is seeking expertise in agriculture, food systems, or related social and environmental issues. Project locations may be based in developing countries worldwide, with some limitations on very high and high-risk locations. All projects are open to all 50,000 + graduate students in the University of California system. In the past 4 years 88 students have participated in this program in 26 countries.

Funding: Selected RIFA fellows receive $700/month in stipend while in country, airfare and coverage of health costs. In a push toward program sustainability we are requiring that all host organizations provide a **monetary or in-kind match of a minimum of $300.00 per month towards the cost of the fellow**. If the match is in-kind, it must contribute to living expenses of the fellow such as lodging or food. All project costs should be covered by the host organization. Upon achievement of agreed upon deliverables at the end of the project, each fellow will receive a closing stipend of $300. Technical and organizational staff and faculty at the UC provide a team of support for all fellows and their projects.

Timeline:
Dec. 7, 2018 Host applications due.
Dec 7- Jan 7, 2019 Host profiles are uploaded online to our website.
Jan 8- Feb 8, 2019 Student outreach period. Student expressions of interest are due.
Feb 8- Feb 15, 2019 Host projects reviewed and selected for funding. 15-18 hosts will be selected based on the following criteria:
   1) Student interest/number of student expressions of interest
   2) The ability of the organization to provide cash or in-kind support for living expenses
   3) UC mentor/collaborator buy in
   4) The potential of the project into grow into a long-term partnerships with the UC
   5) The potential for fellow to leverage experience to forward international careers
   6) Project impact in terms of taking research to action to improve livelihoods
Mar. 4, 2019 Full student applications due.
Mar 4- Mar 22, 2019 Hosts are sent student applications and should interview potential fellows.
Mar 28, 2019 Fellow decisions announced.
April 2019 Stakeholder meetings with individual projects with RIFA management, UC mentor, selected fellow and host organization to discuss project directions and create an initial timeline.
April 26-April 29, 2019 4-day intensive project planning and preparation course for all RIFA fellows in Point Reyes.
June 1, 2019 Implementation plans due
June 1, 2019-Mar 1, 2020 Fellows travel for periods ranging from 2 to 6 months to their host countries. Students should report on their progress monthly to RIFA, host and UC mentor and complete a final report and short video.

To learn more about the achievements and projects of past RIFA fellows check out our website at ip.ucdavis.edu/scholars-and-students/RIFA/. For any additional questions, do not hesitate to reach out to us at ucrifa@ucdavis.edu.

Project Title:

Project Description:
Please include 2-3 sentences explaining the goal of the project or program and the potential role of the fellow.

Project Country or Countries:

Principal in-country host institution:
If listing more than one organization, please indicate which will be the lead organization.

Main Point of Contact:
Include email address and phone number.

Principal Field Based Collaborator:
This may or may not be the same person as the main point of contact. This should be the primary person that the fellow will be working with on the daily activities of the project or program.

University of California Faculty/Staff Counterpart (Optional):
Some projects have a UC counterpart already identified in this application phase while others do not. For those projects that do not have a UC counterpart identified, selected fellows will be asked to bring a faculty mentor on to the project. For those projects that do have a mentor identified please indicate their name, email, university, department and position held.

Number of Fellows Desired:
Please indicate the maximum number of fellows you would like to accommodate.

Desired Duration Fellow Will Spend in Country:
Fellows may travel between June 2019-March 2020 for a period of 2-6 months. While availability varies by individual, the best availability for fellows to travel is usually for 3 months between June-September.

Please indicate if there is specific period during which the Fellow should be in country:
(e.g. June-Aug.)

Project Description:
Please include how you envision the implementation of this project and how you expect the fellow(s) to contribute to achieving the project goal. This may be very general or very specific according to the needs of the host organization. We understand this may evolve over time, especially during discussions with the fellow. (Limit to space provided.)

Work Environment:
Will the Fellow engage in fieldwork, lab work, office work, etc.? Please include names of specific cities or regions of work if known.

Desired Skills of Fellow(s):
Please describe the specific skills your fellow will need to posses in order to fulfill the project requirements. Please be as precise as possible.

Language:
If project requires fellow to have knowledge of a language other than English, what level of proficiency should they have:

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Proficiency:

Funding:
As described on the cover page, the RIFA program is currently working towards sustainable funding in the long-term. All host organizations are required to meet the minimum cost share of $300.00/month. If your organization can offer a monetary or in-kind contribution beyond that sum, we will take that into account as a part of our funding decisions.

We will cover the required $300.00 cost-share through the provision of lodging and/or food.

Describe:

We will cover the required cost-share as $300.00 cash stipend paid out to the fellow monthly.

We will cover the required cost-share in some other way (i.e. international airfare)

Describe:

If you plan to cover a total amount of the fellowship that is beyond the $300.00/month requirement, please describe this here: