

Host Institutions

Host institutions may include NGOs, private sector companies, research centers, universities, and government ministries. Hosts can be local entities or larger, international organizations involved in development work.

To explore host institutions please view: www.ucrifa.wix.com/projects starting from October 17th onward.

Mentors

Mentors are an integral part of the RIFA Program. Mentors may be professors, emeriti, or non-faculty academics affiliated with the University of California. Mentors work to build projects with the host institutions and collaborate with students to create their implementation plans, build connections with their partners and follow their progress throughout the project cycle.



Project Staff



G. David Miller, program director, is a UC Davis lecturer and coordinator of several international development projects.



Elana Peach-Fine, program coordinator, also works on several projects in Latin America.



Katherine Wilkins, communications coordinator, is currently pursuing an M.S. degree in International Agricultural Development at UC Davis.

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The USAID Research and Innovation Fellowship for Agriculture (RIFA) offers early-career professionals enrolled in agricultural and development-oriented graduate programs at the University of California, the opportunity to plan and implement two to six-month-long international projects.

RIFA connects motivated students with unique skill sets to project opportunities that have been developed in collaboration with UC faculty or staff. By working with faculty and UC programs to identify in-country hosts we aim to offer projects that integrate RIFA into the UC landscape and build long-lasting relationships that enhance the UC's global impact.



2016-2017 Grad Student Timeline

October 17 Official kickoff of 2017 RIFA Round!

February 6 Applications due to ucrifa.applications@gmail.com.

February 28 Application decisions made.

January -March Fellows develop project implementation plans in IAD 203 (if enrolled) and with their mentors and host institutions.

April Annual Conference

June 19-23 One week 1-unit intensive short-course available to students as alternative to IAD 203.

March 2016-March 2017 Fellows travel, complete projects, and participate in post-project evaluations.

Requirements

- UC Davis fellows must take International Project Planning and Evaluation (IAD 203) or the replacement one-unit project planning seminar after spring quarter.
- Fellows must correspond regularly with their mentors.
- Fellows should contribute to the RIFA communication platforms and complete monthly reports, a final report and an exit survey.
- Fellows must attend the annual conference in April

Award Benefits

Students will receive as a block sum:

- ~Airfare.
- Health insurance and pre-travel vaccination costs.
- \$200.00 for minor project costs.
- ~\$1,000 stipend for each month in country