Geographic Coverage

The program is open to participants from developing and middleincome countries. For 2005, funding is available for Fellows from the following countries and regions:



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Norman E. Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellows Program



Purpose

The Norman E. Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellows Program aims to promote food security and economic growth by increasing scientific knowledge and collaborative research to improve agricultural productivity. It accomplishes this by:

- Providing **training** and collaborative research opportunities through **exchanges** for entry-level international agricultural research scientists, faculty and policymakers from developing and middle-income countries;
- Fostering collaborative research to improve agricultural productivity;
- Facilitating the transfer of new science and agricultural technologies to strengthen agricultural practices; and
- Addressing obstacles to the adoption of technology, such as ineffectual policies and regulations.

The program is coordinated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in cooperation with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the U.S. Department of State.

Priority Research Areas

Areas of training and research can be in any agriculturerelated field and include traditional areas such as agronomy, plant pathology, entomology, veterinary sciences, microbiology and agricultural economics. Other areas such as food safety, sanitary and phytosanitary topics, environmental sciences, agricultural biotechnology, global climate change, policy and water quality can also be included.



Training Venues

Training venues can include U.S. land grant universities, USDA or other U.S. government agency research facilities, not-for-profit institutions and international agricultural research centers.

Eligibility

Candidates will be evaluated, interviewed and selected based on the following criteria:

- Citizens of a recipient country (see map on back)
- Good working knowledge of the English language
- Minimum master's degree with 3 years of practical experience or working toward master's degree with 5 years experience
- Current employment in a university, government or other research entity in the recipient's country
- Early stage in their professional career
- Demonstrated intention to continue working in the home country

Length of Fellowships

Fellowships are generally for 4 to 6 weeks, but can be longer if merited by the research topic. Additional fellowship components are being developed for students in the process of receiving an advanced degree and for leadership training.