



United States
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Agriculture

Agricultural
Marketing
Services

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BACKGROUND

Under the terms of the settlement agreement (Basu v. Veneman), USDA has established a graduate scholarship program focused on providing employment related scholarship to recruit Asian Pacific Americans in graduate programs (masters or doctorate) into trainee positions with USDA agencies.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program provides funding for graduate school as preparation for a career in government service. The program is designed to recruit individuals (Asian Pacific Americans) to work for USDA after completion of graduate course work in particular disciplines, and will be administered under the Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) and the sponsoring agency.

A maximum of two (2) years of funding will be provided for a Master's degree and four (4) years of funding will be provided for a Ph.D. degree

Recipients of the scholarships enter into an agreement with USDA and receive full tuition scholarships. Prior to graduation, recipients intern at USDA for a minimum of 640 hours. The internships are paid in addition to the scholarship funds.

After graduation, recipients are required to work for USDA one year for every year of financial assistance received from USDA.

The awards include the following:

- **Full-tuition scholarships: tuition, mandatory university fees and books;**
- **Paid internship (Minimum 640 hours) leading to permanent employment;**
- **Employee benefits; and**
- **Mentoring, career development, and leadership training**

Please note: housing/lodging will not be paid by the program

SPONSORING AGENCY

Agricultural Marketing Services (AMS)

For more information on AMS please visit the website: <http://www.ams.usda.gov>

Or

<http://www.usda.gov> and search for Basu Settlement

ELIGIBLE FIELDS OF STUDY

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Public Administration
- Finance
- Criminal Justice
- Other business related fields of study

CONTACT PERSON

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IMPORTANT DATES

Student must be entering the masters or doctorate program for the Spring or Summer semesters of 2008, or no later than the fall of 2008.