

USDA Borlaug Fellowship Program for Vietnam

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is pleased to announce the 2017 *Norman E. Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellowship Program* (Borlaug Fellowship Program) for Vietnam.

The Borlaug Fellowship Program promotes agricultural productivity, food security, and economic growth through collaborative research. The program offers training for agricultural research, international agricultural economics, leadership, and agricultural policy to researchers and faculty in for Vietnam. Competitively selected Fellows will work one-on-one with a U.S. mentor who will coordinate the training program. After completion of the 10-12 week fellowship, the mentor will visit the Fellow's home institution to continue collaboration on the research topic. USDA will select U.S. host institutions and mentors for each fellow.

The 2017 Borlaug Fellowship Program is administered by the United States Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS).

***The application deadline for the 2017 Borlaug Fellowship Program for Vietnam is
November 30, 2016.***

Objectives

- Provide early to mid-career agricultural economists, research scientists, faculty, and policymakers with one-on-one training opportunities in the fields of agricultural policy and research (see targeted research areas below).
- Provide agricultural economists, research scientists, faculty, and policymakers with practical experience and exposure to novel perspectives and/or new technologies that can be applied in their home institutions.
- Foster collaboration and networking to improve agricultural productivity and trade.
- Facilitate the transfer of new economic, scientific, and agricultural technologies to strengthen agricultural practices.
- Address obstacles to the adoption of technology such as ineffectual policies and regulations.

Targeted Research Area

Climate Smart Agriculture: Research addressing measures to increase productivity and enhance resiliency with specific reference to drought and salinity intrusion in the Mekong River Delta region.

Animal Health and Nutrition: Research exploring the nutritional value of diverse forage crops and grasses for improved livestock production, as well as supporting possible pest risk analysis efforts associated with maintaining or expanding U.S. access for these products.

Post-Harvest Loss: General post harvest research on tropical fruit, focusing on dragonfruit, litchi, longan, and rambutan (and possibly mango and star apple)

Length of Fellowships

Fellowships last between 10-12 weeks. All program proposals must include goals that are achievable within that timeframe. Fellowships can begin as early as August 2017 or as late as the summer of 2018. After completing the U.S.-based portion of the fellowship, the mentor will visit the Fellow's home institution approximately one year after the U.S. portion of the training.

Eligibility Requirements

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

- Citizen of Vietnam
- Good reading, writing, and speaking skills in English language
- Master's degree with at least two years' of practical experience (minimum)
- Currently employed by a university, government ministry, research institution, or other scientific institution
- Intention to continue working in the home country for a minimum of two years following the return from the United States
- Early/mid-stage of professional career (2-10 years of experience preferred)
- Experience and focus in one of the targeted research areas

Application Requirements

Eligible candidates must submit an application using the Fluid Review application website no later than **November 30, 2016**: <https://borlaug.fluidreview.com>. Applicants must submit the following documents to complete an application:

- Application form (using Fluid Review website). Proposals submitted by email will not be considered.
- Program proposal and research action plan
- Signed approval from applicant's home institution
- Two letters of recommendation (academic and professional preferred)
- Transcripts for college/university degree(s) received or copy of diploma(s)
- Copy of passport identification page

Contact Information

For questions related to the application process please contact:

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Additional information is available on the website:
<http://www.fas.usda.gov/programs/borlaug-fellowship-program>