



ANNOUNCEMENT

CGIAR KING BAUDOIN FELLOWSHIP FOR CENTRAL ASIA AND THE CAUCASUS

The CGIAR Centers: AVRDC, Bioversity International, CIMMYT, ICRISAT, IWMI and ICARDA have established a fellowship for a postgraduate (Ph.D.) student focusing on agricultural development in Central Asia and the Caucasus. The fellowship has been made available thanks to the generous contribution of several CGIAR centers and the CGIAR King Baudouin "Science Award for Outstanding Partnership" given to the CGIAR Program for Sustainable Agriculture in Central Asia and the Caucasus. (For more information about CGIAR activities please go to www.cgiar.org).

The fellowship will provide a stipend and cover tuition fees of a postgraduate student to pursue a doctoral level study in a leading university located in any country. Maximum amount of the fellowship is USD 40 000 for the whole PhD program. The research program should be linked to development of sustainable agriculture in Central Asia and Caucasus. The research program may be focused on any of these directions:

- germplasm improvement;
- seed supply systems;
- cropping systems and agricultural diversification;
- integrated system of livestock and fodder production;
- integrated on-farm soil, water and salinity management;
- conservation of plant genetic resources;
- socioeconomic and policy research.

The following application are required to be submitted in English:

1. Letter of application (1 page);
2. Application form with a recent passport photo;
3. Two letters of recommendation from professors or supervisors;
4. Copies of all relevant academic certificates obtained. Copies of certificates have to be officially authenticated. All certificates must be accompanied by an explanation of the grading system. Documents issued in languages other than English must be accompanied by English translation;

Those in the final semester of their Masters study are also eligible to apply. In this case you may submit your degree certificate later. However, we will still need transcripts of your study or at least a written proof of your grades during the course of the Masters study.

6. Proposed research plan. It should be formulated in reference to the **core research themes of the mentioned above**. The proposal should consist of about 8-10 pages. We do not pre-review research proposals and specify research topics. We only consider and review complete applications. The purpose of the research proposal is to demonstrate the applicants' general ability to conceptualize a research project. It is usually adjusted or revised during the first year of the doctoral studies. The research proposal should contain justification for the study, objectives of the study and analytical framework, main hypotheses, methodology (including data sources), expected research output and policy relevance, bibliography, field research budget, and time schedule.
There is a toolkit available for Proposal Writing and Fundraising from the Global Development Network. This toolkit provides tips and practical suggestions for applying for funding and proposal writing. Available from www.gdnet.org/middle.php
6. An abstract of your masters or diploma thesis.
7. Certified proficiency in English - TOEFL (550 points) or IELTS (band 6)
8. A successful GRE (www.gre.org) or GMAT (www.gmat.com) test, (especially for quantitative and analytical abilities) will enhance the chances of selection.
9. If employed, a statement from your current employer. (It will be helpful in your application for a scholarship, if they are interested in having you pursue this doctoral study and are willing to grant you leave of absence for this purpose).

Application form are available at www.icarda.org/cac

The application deadline for the fellowship application is: **May 31, 2009**

The applicants should send all documents in the order stated in the application form via e-mail (PDF file, size not exceeding 5Mb) to the ICARDA regional office in Tashkent (E-mail: icarda-tashkent@cgiar.org). The selection committee will consider applications during the Annual steering committee meeting in Tbilisi Georgia 2009. The selection of the adequate university will be discussed with the selection committee. For questions, please write to ICARDA-Tashkent to icarda-tashkent@cgiar.org