

Application and selection criteria for Ph.D. degree program Fellowship in Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in Potato

Through the funding the USAID Integrated Pest Management Collaborative Research Support Program (IPM CRSP), Michigan State University and the University of California-Davis in collaboration with ICARDA are implementing a regional IPM project in Central Asia. Under this project, one Fellowship for pursuing Ph.D. degree in Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in Potato at Michigan State University is available. The Fellowship will cover airfare, tuition fee, health insurance and a monthly stipend based on the location. The Ph.D. program will include both campus based course work and research and a country-based research component to be implemented in collaboration with local and international institutions based in Central Asia.

This Fellowship is a part the IPM graduate training program for Central Asia which will train three Ph.D degree students from the region. The Ph.D Fellows will also be part of the overall Central Asia IPM CRSP Team. The overall goal of the Ph.D Fellowships is to build new expertise in the region to enhance knowledge and capacity in ecologically-based IPM.

Applications are invited from potential candidates that meet the following criteria. The applicant:

1. Must be a citizen of Kyrgyzstan
2. Must have a minimum of Masters (or equivalent) degree from an accredited university in the area of agriculture, plant protection or biological sciences.
3. Must meet the minimum admissibility requirements of Michigan State University in terms of academic qualifications (as reflected in grade reports/transcripts from previous degree(s) completed).
4. The final selection of a degree candidate will be contingent upon obtaining adequate scores in standardized tests (e.g., TOEFL and GRE) required for admission in a Ph.D. degree program.

Instructions for Submitting Applications: Candidates interested in applying for this Fellowship should submit the following documents:

1. Curriculum vitae/Resume
2. Official transcripts/results and certificates indicating academic credentials. If your transcript is not in English, an official translation of these documents must accompany them.
3. Three letters of recommendation
4. Statement of purpose indicating your interest in pursuing Ph.D. degree in IPM
5. Copy of the main page of the passport with photo

Please submit the above required documents to the address below **by January 15, 2010**. All applications will be reviewed by a committee and qualifying candidates will be informed of an interview process by January 31, 2010.

Mailing address for submitting the application documents:

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