



FFAR Fellows
Future Leaders for Food and Agriculture

Grow Tomorrow's Food & Agriculture Leaders

Support and mentor the next generation of agriculture and life science researchers through the Foundation for Food and Agriculture's (FFAR) Fellows program.

The consensus among employers is that U.S. universities could better prepare a career-ready STEM workforce by breaking down disciplinary silos and increasing the focus on professional development and "soft-skills." The FFAR Fellows program guides three cohorts of 20-25 graduate students through a 3-year program of professional development and industry mentorship.

By co-sponsoring a PhD student for the 3-year fellowship, leaders in industry and non-governmental organizations build connections to students and university research programs as they mentor a developing researcher who is specifically interested in a career working with industry.



Eligibility:

see reverse

For more information:

ffarfellows.org

Application and award dates for the 2021-2024 cohort:

December 1, 2020

online application for students and their professors available at ffarfellows.org

February 22, 2021

complete application due for the Stipend + Professional Development Fellowships*

March 11, 2021

Stipend + Professional Development Fellowships awarded

April 15, 2021

complete application due for the Professional Development Fellowships*

May 4, 2021

Professional Development Fellowships awarded

Who Can Sponsor a Fellow?

Industry, commodity organizations, foundations, and university departments are eligible to sponsor a FFAR Fellow. Sponsorship must derive from non-federal funds.

* Two categories of Fellowship are available: (1) The Stipend + Professional Development Fellowship supports student tuition, fees, stipend and related costs, plus the professional development training. The sponsorship of \$32,500 per year is matched equally by the FFAR Fellows program. (2) The Professional Development Fellowship supports professional development training. The sponsorship of \$5,000 per year is matched equally by the FFAR Fellows Program. All Fellows have connections to industry mentors and train together in person and virtually throughout the 3-year fellowship term.



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Prepare students for leadership in food and agriculture and a career working with the agriculture and life science industry: Encourage your students to apply for the Foundation for Food and Agriculture's (FFAR) Fellows program.

PhD students who participate in this 3-year program, jointly funded by FFAR and industry or analogous sponsors, have access to mentors within and outside of academia while developing their professional development skills through in-person and virtual training. Teamwork, leadership and coachability, are some of the "soft skills" noted by industry, and ones that can be developed with training and mentoring.



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Eligibility requirements for students:

- Completion of a masters degree or one year of a PhD program by June 2021
- Acceptance in a PhD program by May 2021
- Three years remaining in the degree program (Fall 2021 to Spring 2024)
- A confirmed PhD faculty advisor
- Confirmation of an industry sponsor (sponsors can include companies, foundations, NGOs, grower organizations, and universities in some cases)
- Residency or study visa
- TOEFL Score indicating a minimum of 23/30 for listening, speaking, writing (not required for U.S. students and some international students)

The 3-year training program includes five face-to-face meetings encompassing 21 days of training on topics crucial to graduate student and professional success, including: communicating science effectively to business and lay audiences, working collaboratively in groups and teams, giving and receiving constructive feedback, recognizing and dealing with conflict. Both in-person and in 24 webinars students hone their "soft-skills" and talk with leaders in industry, government, and the non-governmental sectors.