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 Rockey FFAR Fellows program guides 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.

Application and award dates for the 2022-2025 cohort:

- **November 1, 2021**
  online application for students and their professors available at ffarfellows.org

- **February 22, 2022**
  complete application due for the Stipend + Professional Development Fellowships*

- **March 15, 2022**
  Stipend + Professional Development Fellowships awarded

- **April 15, 2022**
  complete application due for the Professional Development Fellowships*

- **May 1, 2022**
  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.

For more information:

ffarfellows.org

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* 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 Rockey FFAR Fellows program. (2) The Professional Development Fellowship supports professional development training. The sponsorship of $5,000 per year is matched equally by the Rockey 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.

The 3-year program, jointly funded by FFAR and industry or analogous sponsor organizations, provides PhD students with mentorship from across the agricultural sector: from academic and industrial research to diverse roles in government, non-profits and NGOs. With an emphasis on “soft skill” development, the Rockey FFAR Fellows program provides the toolkit needed to build the teamwork, leadership, and change-making skills for the next generation of agricultural leaders.

**Eligibility requirements for students:**

- Completion of a masters degree or one year of a PhD program by June 2022
- Acceptance in a PhD program by May 2022
- Three years remaining in the degree program (Fall 2022 to Spring 2025)
- A confirmed PhD faculty advisor
- Confirmation of a matching 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)

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