

Commitments from the Industry Mentor:

Mentor organizations agree to sponsor students annually for three years at one of two levels:

\$5,000/year

for the Professional Development Fellowship category

\$32,500/year

for the Stipend + Professional Development Fellowship category



FFAR Fellows
Future Leaders for Food and Agriculture

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

Organizations designate one or more individuals who agree to mentor the Fellow over the three year period, contributing to the Fellow's annual Professional Development Plan and providing opportunities to meet with other industry professionals



* Two categories of Fellowship are available. The Stipend + Professional Development Fellowship supports student tuition, fees, stipend, and related costs (\$55K) in addition to professional development training (value of \$10K, retained by the program). The Professional Development Fellowship supports the professional development training (value of \$10K, retained by the program). All Fellows train together in person and virtually throughout the 3-year fellowship term.



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For more information:

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The consensus among employers is that U.S. universities could better prepare a career-ready STEM workforce by breaking down disciplinary siloes and increasing the focus on professional development and “soft-skills.” The FFAR Fellows program guides three cohorts of 16-20 graduate students through a 3-year program of professional development and industry mentorship.

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

Application and award dates for the 2020-2023 cohort:

December 1, 2019

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

February 17, 2020

complete application due for the Stipend + Professional Development Fellowships*, includes letter from the industry sponsor committing to sponsorship of \$32,500 per year for each of three years. (Sponsorship is payable direct to the lead institution, North Carolina State University, via wire transfer or check, by August 1 of each academic year; or payable in one lump sum by August 1 of the first academic year).

March 11, 2020

Stipend + Professional Development Fellowships awarded

April 15, 2020

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May 4, 2020

Professional Development Fellowships awarded

Eligibility requirements for students:

- Completion of a masters degree or one year of a PhD program by June 2020
- Acceptance in a PhD program by May 2020
- Three years remaining in the degree program (Fall 2020 to Spring 2023)
- A confirmed PhD faculty advisor
- Confirmation of an industry sponsor (sponsors can include companies, foundations, NGOs, grower organizations)
- For Stipend + Professional Development applications*: Acceptance or current matriculation at an FFAR partner institution (see ffarfellows.org for listing)
- 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)

