FFAR Fellows

Future Leaders for Food & Agriculture

Grow Tomorrow's Food & Agriculture Leaders

Support and mentor the next generation of agriculture and life science researchers through the Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (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 cohorts of 30 graduate students through a 3-year program of professional development and mentorship.

By sponsoring a PhD student, leaders in industry and non-governmental organizations build connections to students and university research programs as they mentor a developing researcher and future colleague.









Application and award dates for the 2027-2030 cohort:

APPLICATION DUE DATE: ***March 1, 2027***
AWARD DATE: ***March 19, 2027***

Eligibility requirements for students:

- Completion of a masters degree or one year of a PhD program by June 2027
- Acceptance in a PhD program by May 2027
- Three years remaining in the degree program (Fall 2027 to Spring 2030)
- 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

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. Sponsorship is $5,000 per student per year for three years. This cost may be shared by up to four sponsors.

For more information:

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