Become a Leader in Food & Agriculture

Prepare for leadership in food and agriculture and a career working with the agriculture and life science industry: 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.

Eligibility requirements for students:

- Completion of a masters degree or one year of a PhD program by June 2019
- Acceptance in a PhD program by May 1, 2019
- Three years remaining in the degree program (Fall 2019 to Spring 2022)
- 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)

Application and award dates for the 2019-2022 cohort:

**December 1**
online application for students available at ffarfellows.org

**February 15**
complete application due for the Stipend + Professional Development Fellowships*, includes commitment letter from the industry sponsor

**March 8**
Stipend + Professional Development Fellowships awarded

**April 15**
complete application due for the Professional Development Fellowships*, includes commitment letter from the industry sponsor

**May 1**
Professional Development Fellowships awarded

* 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. (2) The Professional Development Fellowship supports professional development training. All Fellows have connections to industry mentors and train together in person and virtually throughout the 3-year fellowship term.

For more information: ffarfellows.org