

Have a project that would benefit from graduate student assistance?

Apply to be a host institution for the 2015-2016 Research and Innovation Fellowship for Agriculture!



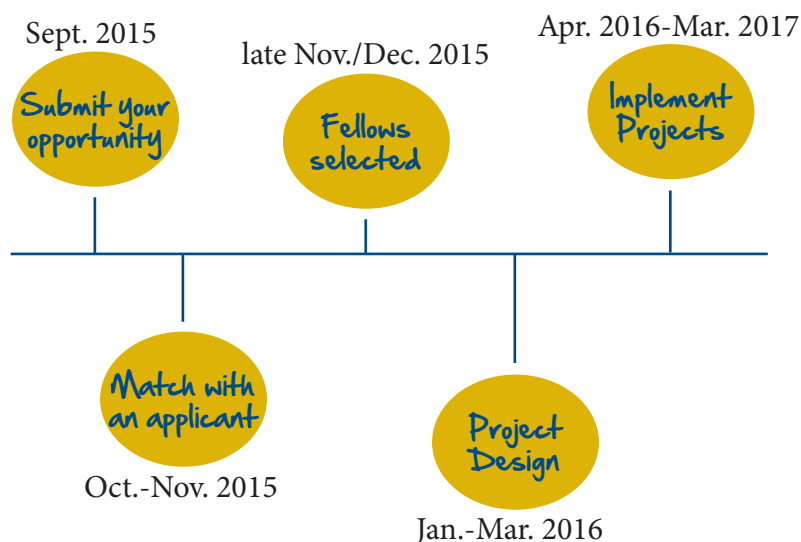
The Research and Innovation Fellowship for Agriculture (RIFA) program is providing funding for 18-22 graduate student fellows to engage in two to six-month-long international projects focused on agriculture, food systems and accompanying social, economic and environmental issues.

In addition to seeking excellent student applicants, RIFA is looking for specific project opportunities for our fellows. If you have an international project that would benefit from graduate student assistance, you can apply as a host institution!

Fellowships are selected based on a matching process between the applicant and host institution. Student applicants must obtain a letter of support from the host institution for a project before applying. The best evaluated host-student match applications will be funded. Once selected, fellows will be matched with a University of California faculty mentor. Fellows will take part in a project design course in the winter quarter where, with the support of their host and mentor, they will develop a detailed project implementation plan. Fellows may travel anytime from April 2016 - March 2017.

This year, RIFA fellowships will extend to UC Santa Cruz and UC Riverside, as well as UC Berkeley through its affiliated Global Development Fellowship.

RIFA Timeline:



How to Host a Fellow:

1) Fill out the attached application to have your opportunity included in the project catalog accessible to RIFA applicants.

- Send to RIFA Program Coordinator, Elana Peach Fine, at elana.ipo@gmail.com by **Oct. 1**. You can contact her with any questions as well!

- Look for your opportunity to appear in the RI Fellowships Catalog at rifellowships.org/catalog.

2) Once contacted by an interested student, respond within one week to indicate possible interest in hosting them. Hold follow-up interviews as needed.

3) Provide identified applicants with a letter of institutional support. Host institutions should only provide one letter of support per opening.

4) Work with Fellow to develop project implementation plan.

5) Implement your project!

What's covered?

- RIFA covers international travel (up to \$2,000) and a living stipend (\$1,000/month).

- The host institution should cover any project costs (e.g. domestic travel, laboratory supplies, etc.), or funding can be sought through other sources.

