

# Research and Innovation Fellowship for Agriculture

## RIFA Project Hosts

The Research and Innovation Fellowship for Agriculture (RIFA) is a graduate student fellowship program that provides funding for student fellows to work overseas for 2-6 months on research or projects in agriculture, food systems or related social, economic and environmental issues. At this time RIFA is soliciting statements of interest from organizations and universities in developing countries with ongoing collaborations with UC campuses or faculty to host a 2017 RIFA fellow.

Hosting of a RIFA Fellow entails providing them with overseas project or research opportunities with a UC-affiliated organization. These opportunities may be well-defined, or they may identify a broadly defined need within the organization from which the Fellow and the organization could jointly develop a project plan. Projects should address a specific challenge in the agriculture or food systems sector. Fellowships frequently contribute to students' master or doctoral work. Fellowships should utilize students' expertise and challenge them. Basic assistant-type internships are not appropriate for RIFA Fellowships.

RIFA provides the Fellow funding to cover airfare, \$200 for project supplies and a stipend for living expenses. For any additional project costs, the student should apply for funding through other sources, or these costs should be covered by the organization. Fellows may work with the project before or after their actual travel period. This time commitment will be agreed between the Fellow and the host organization. Fellows under this project cycle will be available to travel starting in June 2017.

### To apply to be a RIFA Host Organization:

- Complete the RIFA Host Profile and send to Elana Peach-Fine at [elana.ipo@gmail.com](mailto:elana.ipo@gmail.com).
- Your project will be added to the RIFA Project Catalog.
- Interested students will contact the organization directly. Any interview process will be determined internally by the organization.
- Host organizations will issue a letter of support to the student they select.
- Students will apply for RIFA Fellowship funding in fall 2016/winter 2017.
- Selected RIFA Fellows will collaboratively create project plans through winter and spring terms and travel to project sites starting June 2017.

For more information contact Elana Peach-Fine at [elana.ipo@gmail.com](mailto:elana.ipo@gmail.com) or visit [www.ip.ucdavis.edu/what/rifa](http://www.ip.ucdavis.edu/what/rifa).



*RIFA Fellow Katerine Ramirez and her Host Organization partner.*