



International Programs
of the
**College of Agricultural and Environmental
Sciences**
Strategic Plan 2018¹

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Extending Agricultural Expertise for a Better World

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Executive Summary

The International Programs Office (IPO) has developed a world reputation in developing and implementing capacity building programs globally, extending our agricultural expertise for a better world. As a result, the College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences (CA&ES) is nationally known as a strong collaborator on international projects in the developing world, strengthening academic, research, and extension systems in agriculture, nutrition and health. Moreover, IPO continues to lead human capacity building programs of universities in resource-poor countries through curriculum development, internships and innovative graduate student research opportunities such as for IAD. As national priorities on international development are shifting and federal funding becoming more limited, it is increasingly important that CA&ES faculty and research staff remain informed of a wide range of global agricultural development opportunities in research, teaching, training and extension. To better prepare for these future changes, IPO has redefined its vision and developed strategies, goals, and actions that strengthen relationships with external partners, aligning CA&ES faculty and staff with stakeholders to supplement funding for international agricultural development projects. The 2018 CA&ES IP strategic plan provides direction for the near future, building on past achievements, developing new initiatives that leverage CA&ES strengths to prepare for a leaner international development environment.

The International Programs Office vision aligns with the strategic plan of the CA&ES, to ensure and strengthen its relevance to the College. The plan demonstrates continued promotion and support of international projects and partnerships, by leveraging resources, expertise, and past and current activities. The mission of CA&ES International Programs is to facilitate and mobilize institutional resources and to align college activities with external stakeholders, towards amplifying the global mission of CA&ES with specific focus on low-income and resource-poor countries. First, this strategic plan prioritizes engagement with CA&ES faculty and staff across College and Campus units, to coordinate, support and strengthen their international initiatives in research, teaching and outreach. Second, to provide for such international opportunities, IPO will actively network with external stakeholders, such as NGO's, federal agencies, agribusinesses and private donors, including Public International Organizations and foreign institutions, and to develop Public- Private Partnerships, to seek supplemental funding and support for those global activities that support the CA&ES' strategic objectives. These new relationships will augment project-based revenue sources and also provide for a sustained source of revenue through enhanced long term engagement of CA&ES faculty and students, addressing challenges facing the developing world.

This enhanced engagement will be achieved by focusing on four strategies that reposition the CA&ES-IP towards a role as a college-wide coordinating entity for international initiatives by:

1. Increased coordination of cross-cutting international activities between CA&ES departments, centers and institutes, UCD Schools and Colleges, and other relevant campus units ;
2. Actively catalyze research opportunities and building relationships with external stakeholders to supplement funding for international agricultural development projects;
3. Enhanced provision of dynamic educational experiences and building integrative curricular capacities in CA&ES strength areas, on the UC Davis campus and with higher education institutions abroad, with a focus on resource-poor countries; and
4. Continued development of credible expert information in CA&ES strength areas, implementing agricultural education, training and extension across the developing world.

In addition, the IPO seeks to develop a revised staffing plan that provides for stability and improvement of communications and coordination with the Deans Office and the World Food Center.