

### Host Institutions

Host institutions may include NGOs, private sector companies, research centers, universities, and government ministries. Hosts can be local entities or larger, international organizations involved in development work.

### Mentors

Mentors are an integral part of the RIFA Program. Mentors may be professors, emeriti, or non-faculty academics affiliated with the University of California. Mentors work to build projects with the host institutions and collaborate with students to create their implementation plans, build connections with their partners and follow their progress throughout the project cycle.



## Leadership



### G. David Miller

#### *Founding Program Director*

David Miller is Professor Emeritus at Southern New Hampshire College where, in 1986, he founded the International Program for Community Economic Development. Throughout his forty year career in International Development, he has researched, written and taught Best Practices for International development. Miller's scholar focused project design is world renown and he brings this expertise to the RIFA program.

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# RIFA

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*Providing international development project learning opportunities focused on agriculture, food systems and accompanying social, economic and environmental issues in developing countries.*



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The UC Davis Research and Innovation Fellowship for Agriculture (RIFA) offers early-career professionals enrolled in agricultural and development-oriented graduate programs at the University of California, the opportunity to plan and implement two to six-month-long international projects.

RIFA connects motivated students with unique skill sets to project opportunities from developing countries around the world. Students partner on project with in country hosts and UC faculty mentors to integrate RIFA into the UC landscape and build long-lasting relationships that enhance the UC's global impact.



## 2018-2019 Grad Student Timeline

**Jan 8** Official kickoff of 2019 RIFA Round. Catalog available on website.

**February 8** Expressions of interest due to [ucrifa@ucdavis.edu](mailto:ucrifa@ucdavis.edu).

**March 4** Full student applications are due.

**March-June** Fellows develop project implementation plans in with their mentors and host institutions.

**April 26-29<sup>th</sup>** Annual Conference and short course.

**June- March 2020** Fellows travel, complete projects, and participate in post-project evaluations.

## Requirements

- Selected RIFA Fellows must attend a 4-day short course from April 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> and prepare a full project implementation plan in collaboration with their host and mentors.
- Fellows must correspond regularly with their mentors and hosts.
- Fellows should contribute to the RIFA communication platforms and complete monthly reports, a final report and an exit survey.
- Students must complete agreed upon deliverables

## Award Benefits

Students will receive as a block sum:

- ~Airfare.
- Health insurance and pre-travel vaccination costs.
- \$300.00 two months after the end of their project upon completion of deliverables.
- ~\$1,000 stipend for each month in country (split between host and RIFA)