

About the Program

The Cochran Fellowship Program provides short-term training opportunities to agricultural professionals from middle-income countries, emerging markets, and emerging democracies with the goals of:

- Helping eligible countries develop agricultural systems necessary to meet the food and fiber needs of their domestic populations; and
- Strengthening and enhancing trade linkages between eligible countries and agricultural interests in the United States.

Approximately 600 Cochran fellows come to the United States each year, their visits often span a period of 10 days to two weeks and are designed and organized in conjunction with U.S. universities, USDA and other government agencies, agribusiness, and consultants. Programs often include visits with relevant businesses and agencies. Since 1984, the program has provided training for over 18,000 international participants from 126 countries worldwide.

Sponsor

The Cochran Fellowship Program is sponsored through the US Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service's Office of Capacity Building and Development – Trade and Scientific Exchanges Division (USDA/FAS/OCBD/TSE) through funds generated from levies on agricultural exports. FAS partners with a cross-section of the U.S. food and ag industry to help U.S. exporters develop and maintain markets for hundreds of products.

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Participants

Cochran Fellows are senior and mid-level specialists and administrators working in agricultural trade and policy, agribusiness development, management, animal, plant, and food sciences, extension services, agricultural marketing, and many other areas. Individuals selected for Cochran trainings come from public and private sectors. Many would make excellent collaborators for longer-term international research and or development projects.



Cochran Programs at UC Davis

Over the past 20 years, the International Programs Office in the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Davis has hosted approximately 100 Cochran programs in a variety of topics, ranging from water management, horticultural production, food safety, nutrition, dairy and beef, wine and spirits and beyond. It is an opportunity to extend globally-recognized University skills and knowledge to a greater audience while spotlighting California and U.S. agriculture and trade relations with other countries. Cochran programs can serve to establish and strengthen longer-term ties with host country participants and their organizations, such as research and grant opportunities and more.

\$1.27

Economic activity generated from \$1 of ag exports

\$135 Billion

Value of U.S. food and farm products exported in 2016

95%

World's consumers living outside of the United States

>20%

Of U.S. agricultural production is exported

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The U.S. is the world's top exporter of food & ag products