

## 2018 RIFA Timeline

**January 8** - Student application period opens

**February 28** - Student application period closes

**Feb 28 – Mar 5** - RIFA reviews projects and selects 15-18 for funding based on following criteria:

1. Student interest/number of student applicants
2. The ability of the organization to provide matching funds
3. UC mentor/collaborator buy in
4. The potential of the Project to grow into a long-term partnerships with the University of California
5. The potential for the fellow to leverage experience to forward international careers
6. Project impact in terms of taking research to action to improve livelihoods

**March 5 - 23** – Hosts are sent student applications and interview potential fellows

**March 26** – Fellow decisions announced

**April** – Stakeholder meetings for individual projects with RIFA management, UC mentor, selected fellow and host organization to discuss project directions

**May 4 – 8** - Four-day intensive project planning and preparation course for RIFA fellows at Point Reyes

**June 1**- Implementation plans due

**June 1, 2018 – March 1, 2019** - Fellows travel for periods ranging from 2 to 6 months to their host countries. Students should report on their progress monthly to RIFA, host and UC mentor and complete a final report and short video.