

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. Organizations with existing partnerships with the University of California are encouraged to apply.

Institutions wishing to participate should email elana.ipo@gmail.com.

Mentors

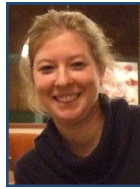
Mentors are an integral part of the RIFA Program. Mentors may be professors, emeriti or non-faculty academics affiliated with the University of California. Mentors will work with students to create their implementation plans, build connections with their partners and follow their progress throughout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



Project Staff



G. David Miller, program director, is a UC Davis lecturer and coordinator of several international development projects.



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



Research and Innovation Fellowship for Agriculture

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

The Fellowship aims to connect motivated students with unique skill sets to project opportunities that address global challenges in agriculture and food systems. Host organizations identified through institutional networks define available opportunities, and a Fellow's collaborative work contributes integrally to the success and sustainability of new or ongoing projects and programs.



2016-2017 Grad Student Timeline

October-November Students identify a supporting host institution.

November 23* Fellow applications due. (ip.ucdavis.edu/what/rifa)

December 19* Students are informed of fellowship decisions.

January-February Fellows are matched with faculty mentors.

January 21* RIFA conference and orientation.

January-March Fellows develop project implementation plans in IAD 203 (if enrolled) and with their mentors and host institutions.

March-December Fellows travel, complete projects and participate in post-project evaluations.

January 2018 RIFA conference at UC Berkeley.

* Tentative dates

Requirements

- UC Davis fellows must take Project Planning and Evaluation (IAD 203) in which they will gain skills in project planning and evaluation while developing their project implementation plans. Students who have already taken IAD 203 may take a 1 unit seminar of independent study to develop their projects.
- Fellows must correspond regularly with their mentors.
- Fellows should contribute to the RIFA communication platforms and complete monthly reports, a final report and an exit survey.
- Fellows must attend the January orientation and a wrap-up event if present in Davis.

Award Benefits

- Students will receive a \$2,000 travel fellowship.
- Students will receive a stipend of \$1,000 for each month in country.
- Health costs/insurance.

