

**MONSANTO'S BEACHELL-
BORLAUG INTERNATIONAL
SCHOLARS PROGRAM****Project Proposal Instructions:**

The student and major professor (graduate adviser) will prepare a proposal that will outline the Ph.D. program components. The major professor will submit the application.

Components of the application include:

- a. University where course work will be accomplished and degree awarded. Transcripts of prior university course work should be included.
- b. Describe where and how the student will gain alternate world area experience. The program requires scholars to complement their previous country experience by working with scientists at universities or research centers elsewhere in the world. Plans for such alternate country experience will be considered when evaluating proposals.
- c. During the Ph.D. program the maximum length for support is 4 years and the minimum is expected to be 3 years post M.S. degree or equivalent. In 2009, applicants having at least 2 years remaining on their Ph.D. program are encouraged to apply.
- d. A detailed budget and budget justification should be included (see detail below).
- e. Strong consideration will be given to applicants with a clear commitment to working in public sector institutions in developing or emerging countries. Information on the applicant's commitment is part of the application.

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Budget Detail:

The student applicant and his major professor (Graduate Adviser) must prepare a detailed budget and budget justification with their application.

The submitted budget should include the following four topics:

1. Student stipend. Applicants are eligible for a stipend at the rate of 120% of the normal assistantship support for PhD students at the university where the student is enrolled. Tuition, fees and insurance costs for students in the program will be paid separately and in addition to the stipend. Costs for students must be certified by the university submitting the application. These costs are only for the primary university location.
2. The program will provide the student's graduate advisor with a grant at the rate of 1 ½ months of the student stipend for each year the student is part of the program.

These funds are to be used to enrich the students Ph.D. program, to purchase needed supplies and equipment, or for the program travel of the student an/or major professor.

Continue to the next page for the remaining topics to be included in the budget detail.



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Budget Detail continued:

3. *Support funds for attending a collaborating institution to carry out the requirements of this PhD program, including student stipend, supplies, bench fees, field costs, etc. Students are expected to carry out part of their Ph.D. research at a collaborating institution to gain a view of the challenges facing the world in wheat or rice production. This could involve collaboration with a CGIAR center, a university, or a research center in another country. The program's desire is for the student to have experience working in an emerging or developing country. Six months to one year is considered the amount of time needed for a student to spend at a collaborating institution. The collaboration could be a one-time event or it could be during the growing season over more than one year. Costs associated with enriching the Ph.D. by gaining experience at another university or center will be paid by the program and needs to be detailed in the budget. Any questions concerning this aspect of the application can be sent to mbbischolars@ag.tamu.edu for clarification.

Costs for study in the alternate location might include:

- A. Visa and travel costs for student to participate in alternate country location.
- B. Additional tuition, insurance, research, computer or professional development costs, if necessary or required by the collaborating institution.
- C. A cost of living allowance supplement. This applies only if cost of living at the collaborating location is documented to be considerably higher than the cost of living at the primary university location. The student stipend will not change while living at the collaborating institution.

* It is suggested that the student and university professor contact the collaborating institution to help in documenting costs under item 3.

4. Support for student travel, up to \$2500 for one home leave for the student. Degree program travel expenses will be supported up to \$2000 per student during the duration of the program.

