



Borlaug International Scholar Program Program Announcement for Fall 2025

The **Borlaug International Scholars Program** provides funds to support an international graduate student, preferably from a country in Africa, pursuing a master's or doctoral degree in a discipline that would reflect the passion of Dr. Borlaug for agricultural development in developing nations.

Eligibility Requirements

- Accepted into a graduate program in the College of Agriculture and Life Science for enrollment beginning Fall 2025.
- Preference will be given to applicants from a country in Africa, but outstanding international students from other countries can be submitted.
- Pursuing a degree in a discipline that would reflect the passion of Dr. Borlaug for agricultural development in developing nations.
- Applicants should be in the early stage of their careers.
- Applicants should intend to return to a developing country upon completion of their studies.

Awards

- Assistantship Stipend
 - At least 20% higher than the department's graduate student rate
 - Made from a 1:1 match between support from the Borlaug International Scholars Program and support from the department / faculty advisor / foundation / private / government agency/ etc., creating a full-time assistantship or fellowship. *The ideal plan is a 12-month ½ time effort assistantship (e.g., ¼ from Borlaug and ¼ from department/faculty, etc.) that is at least 20% higher than the department rate and provides benefits and an out-of-state tuition waiver.*
 - \$16,000 to the awardee's department for tuition and fees and graduate student health insurance. The remaining balance may be used for the student's travel, books, educational supplies, or research expenses.
- Funds are for the 2025-2026 academic year.
- M.S. students can apply for renewal for one additional year.
- Ph.D. students can apply for renewal for two additional years.
- Scholars must provide an updated CV and a brief summary of accomplishments at the end of each year they are supported by the Borlaug International Scholars Program.

Application Process:

Complete the application form with the following information:

- Name
- Country of citizenship
- Country of residence during the previous academic year
- Years of professional employment since undergraduate degree
- University degrees and majors with dates awarded
- Desired future degree (M.S. or Ph.D.) and major
- Project, problem, or topic of research interest
- Matching financial support from sources other than the Borlaug International Scholars Program.
- In a paragraph, briefly describe what you have done to prepare yourself for graduate school to advance agriculture in your home country.
- Briefly describe the problem, topic, and area of your research interest in a paragraph.
- In a paragraph, briefly describe your career intent and how this further education will help your career and help your home country or region upon your return.
- Letter of nomination from the Department Head or Associate Department Head.

Application Receipt Deadline: April 22, 2025