



USAID Research and Innovation Fellowships

Office of Science and Technology

“Attracting great minds to places of great opportunity”

Overview

USAID’s Research and Innovation Fellowships program offers a unique opportunity to bring together the brightest minds in the critical fields of science, technology, and innovation to address complex development challenges. Through a partnership with the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) and drawing upon the resources of USAID’s existing network of programs, the Fellowships program will place promising talent from institutions around the United States with hosts in developing countries to help tackle the biggest development issues and engage in cutting-edge research and innovation. By building opportunities with in-country hosts through universities, non-governmental organizations, research institutions, government agencies, and private sector corporations, the Fellowships will help create relationships between new international partners, catalyze learning, and foster the positive exchange of information and experiences.

Inaugural Fellowship Sites

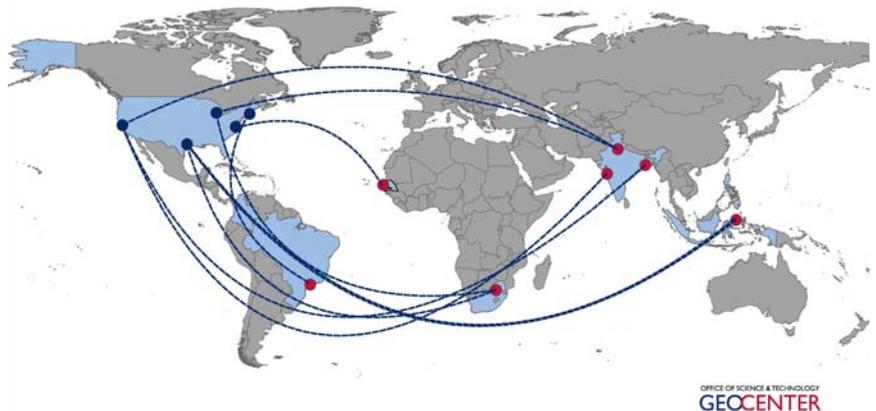
Brazil Colombia India Indonesia Philippines Senegal South Africa

Where this program comes from: The Fellowships program is a natural outgrowth from a highly successful \$135 million, 5-year USAID program that includes U.S. and international universities and has already placed more than 100 students overseas.

Where we are now: By 2014, USAID will support several hundred Fellows working across multiple fields in seven developing countries. Research and Innovation Fellows will be selected from those already participating in existing NSF graduate and undergraduate programs, which include thousands of students at hundreds of U.S. universities each year.

Where we are going: As the program grows in subsequent years, additional public and private sector partnerships will allow for increased fellowship and hosting opportunities.

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USAID Research and Innovation Fellowships will provide Fellows and hosts with a once-in-a-lifetime chance for collaboration, to merge global perspectives and tangibly impact development challenges. Both the U.S. and host countries will reap invaluable benefits as centers of emerging knowledge, setting the standard of best practices for international development and collaboration.