

AFRICAN FELLOWS PROGRAMME (AFP), ROTHAMSTED INTERNATIONAL

Rothamsted International is a UK non-profit organisation working for sustainable agricultural development in under-developed countries around the World. The aim of the African Fellows programme is to support sustainable agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa by using innovative solutions to achieve food security. Projects should aim to develop lasting partnerships and strategic alliances that will help build local scientific capacity relevant to sustainable agricultural production.

African scientists will carry out research projects in a partner European research institute or university for periods of 4-12 months. Fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis in a two-stage assessment process. Research projects need to: (1) focus on solving an agricultural problem or constraint; (2) demonstrate a clear path from research to application; and (3) benefit African small-holder farmers and the rural economy.

Examples of potential project areas include integrated crop/livestock management, crop nutrition, soil fertility, post-harvest technology and alternative crops. The programme CANNOT support field work in Africa and projects on food processing will NOT be funded. Applicants will have experience appropriate to that of a 'mid-career' scientist. MSc and PhD studies are outside the remit of the programme.

The next deadline for pre-proposal concept notes will be on **3 March 2006**. Please note that Pre-proposals can be submitted at any

time and will be considered in the following round of submissions.

Applicants should obtain further details and guidelines from the Rothamsted International website at http://www.rothamsted-international.org/HTML/Fellowships/AFP_main_page.html

If you have any problems in downloading or accessing any of these documents, then E-mail: paresh.shah@bbsrc.ac.uk for assistance.

Contact:
rothamsted.international@bbsrc.ac.uk for further advice and information on how to apply. Or write to:
AFP Coordinator,
Rothamsted International,
Harpenden,
Hertfordshire, AL5 2JQ
UK.

Source: *SciDev.Net Weekly Update July 2005*.