

Call for Research Proposals 2013

Bioversity International announces two Fellowships, for up to US\$ 20,000 each, which will be available for 2013 to carry out research, from 3 to 12 months, on a wide range of biophysical, economic and social themes related to the conservation and use of genetic resources in developing countries. Multi-disciplinary research is particularly encouraged.

These opportunities are available thanks to support from Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., United States and the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC), Australia.

The fellowships are intended to cover travel, stipend for living expenses, bench fees, materials, insurance, conference participation and publications. They can be held concurrently with other sources of support.

How to apply?

Applications should be submitted in English **by 11 November 2012 to VFF-2013@cgiar.org**. The Application form and Guidelines can be downloaded [here](#) or requested by email.

(see address details below)

The successful applicants will be informed by 30 April 2013 and are required to take up their Fellowships before 31 December 2013.

Who can apply?

Eligibility for this call is determined on the basis of applicants meeting a number of general criteria and additional criteria for the GRDC-supported fellowship.

Nationality

Applicants should be nationals of low and medium income countries, according to the Human Development Index

Age

Applicants should be no more than 35 years of age.

Degree

Applicants should hold at least a Master's degree (or equivalent) in a relevant subject area.

Topic of research

All applications must address one of the Research Themes described below.

Location

Proposed research may be carried out in any country outside the applicant's home country.

Additional requirements (for the GRDC-supported fellowship only)

Applicants for the GRDC-supported fellowship must also meet one of the four thematic criteria below, in addition to meeting the location requirement :

- Target a species that is a priority for both Australia and the home country.
- Target an alternative, neglected or underutilized species with either environmental or economic potential for Australia.
- Work on any of the following specific crops: wheat, barley, oats, sorghum, cereal rye, triticale, maize, canary seed, millets/panicum, canola, linseed, safflower, soybeans, sunflowers, chickpeas, cowpeas, fababeans, field peas, lentils, lupins, mung beans, navy beans, peanuts, pigeon peas and vetch.
- Use biotechnology in support of efficient use of plant genetic resources.
- Research must be carried out at an Australian research institute or at the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center - CIMMYT or at the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas - ICARDA (members of CGIAR Consortium).

Applications must include:

- Cover letter
- Completed application form
- Full curriculum vitae (with a list of publications)
- Research proposal prepared following the Guidelines for Preparation of Research Proposals
- Letter of acceptance from the proposed host institute (should follow the Guidelines)
- Letter of support from an institute in a developing country (preferably the home institute) which should specify why the research is important to the institute and should also identify the support that will be provided to the applicant upon return.

For further information please contact:

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