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2009 Global Rice Science Scholarships

The Global Rice Science Scholarships aim to produce a new generation of rice scientists who are not only experts in a specific scientific discipline but also well-rounded in their understanding of the broader issues of rice science for development. The program will also provide resources for attracting the brightest young people and molding them into future leaders at all levels of rice research and development.

As the leading global rice research organization, IRRI is an excellent place where graduate students can engage in their PhD research programs under the supervision of world-class scientists. Qualified students from developing countries who are about to conduct their PhD research are invited to apply for Global Rice Science Scholarships at IRRI. The program also welcomes women applicants.

The Scholarships

Study level: The scholarship is for thesis-only research at IRRI.

No. of scholarship slots available: Four

- One Pioneer-SKEP scholarship for applicants from India, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Indonesia, or Philippines only.
- Three Gates-CSISA scholarships for applicants from India, Bangladesh, Nepal, or Pakistan only.

Scholarship period: 3 years

Thesis research:

- A. The Pioneer-SKEP Scholarship will give special emphasis on rice breeding, coupled with any of the following fields: entomology, physiology, or biotechnology. PhD students who are directly involved in genetic characterization of hybrid rice and insect ecology/host plant resistance are encouraged to apply.
- B. The Gates-CSISA scholarships will give priority to students whose areas of research focus on any of the following:
- rice breeding,
 - soil and water management,
 - systems agronomy and modeling, and/or
 - plant pathology, with emphasis on host plant resistance and leaf pathology.

Scholarship benefits:

Round-trip air fare to/from Manila; pre- and post-departure allowance to cover visas, in-transit costs, etc.; monthly stipend to cover lodging, laundry, and food/subsistence; local medical and accident insurance; local travel as required; book allowance; computer and network access; research support; and shipping costs (one-time support given at the end of the program).

Closing date of application: 28 February 2009

Applications may be forwarded through the IRRI Representative or Liaison Scientist assigned in your country.

For more information, please contact or visit IRRITraining@cgiar.org Website: www.irri.training.org

Interested applicants may send their applications, together with original copies of all required documents, to

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