

THE INGENAES FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Are you a motivated Master's level student who is looking to enhance your education with professional and technical skills? Do you dream of leading change in agricultural development, gender or nutrition in Uganda? Would you like to connect with professionals, experts, and colleagues within agricultural extension and development? If yes, then, consider applying for the INGENAES Fellowship Program!

The INGENAES Fellowship Program seeks to equip the next generation of Ugandan students with the professional and technical skills to become tomorrow's leaders within the areas of agricultural extension, gender and nutrition development.

The Integrating Gender and Nutrition within Agricultural Extension Services (INGENAES) Fellowship program is a one-year program (August 2016 – May 2017) funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and jointly managed by the INGENAES project and the Uganda Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (UFAAS).

The INGENAES project supports the USAID led Presidential Feed the Future initiative, through the development of improved extension and advisory systems that aim to reduce gender gaps in agricultural extension services, increase empowerment of women farmers, and improve gender and nutrition integration within extension services by assisting multiple types of stakeholders within a country. Through the fellowship program, INGENAES aims to strengthen the link between agricultural extension, higher education and research stronger extension systems and increased food security in Uganda.

The objectives of the INGENAES Fellowship program are:

- To empower Ugandan students with the **professional skills** to lead change and strengthen the capacity of local organizations
- To enhance a fellow's education with **current technical and research skills**, especially to increase their understanding of the linkages between agricultural extension, gender, and nutrition
- To foster long-term **professional relationships** that are developed through mentoring and on-the-ground collaborative work

In order to achieve the above objectives, the program is structured along three key elements:

- **Financial support** through scholarship for one year of Master's level education
- **Professional development** experience through participation in INGENAES trainings, conferences and workshops
- **Funding for research** that falls within INGENAES thematic areas of agricultural extension, gender and nutrition

Awards will be made on a competitive basis to students who demonstrate a strong academic foundation, leadership potential, a commitment to agricultural development in Uganda, and have a robust research proposal. Applicants will be required to attend a two-day orientation in the last week of August.

APPLICATION FOR THE FELLOWSHIP

Eligibility Requirements:

- **Ugandan Citizenship** - The applicant needs to submit a valid, color scan of the identification page of passport or other government identification
- **Current Master's level student** - The applicant has to be currently enrolled at a recognized Master's level program at an accredited Ugandan university
- **Finished one year of coursework** - The applicant needs to have completed all required coursework and have started on their Master's thesis work. Copy of degree transcript and first year masters testimonial document is required.



Application Timeline:

Deadline for application and supporting material - **August 7th 2016 at 11:59 PM East Africa Time Zone**. Late applications will not be accepted. **Finalists** will be notified by August 18th 2016.

Application Sections:

- **Section 1:** Applicant information
- **Section 2:** Personal Essay
- **Section 3:** Research Proposal
- **Section 4:** External form to upload CV, Transcripts and valid government identification (for proof of citizenship)
- **Section 5:** Two Letters of Recommendation. One of the letters has

to come from the applicant's supervisor or professor. The letter has to be on official university letterhead and attested and sent to the email below

- **Section 6:** Disclaimer and Conflict of Interest

Note: The application will not be reviewed until all the materials have been received.

The application is online and can be accessed at:

<http://goo.gl/forms/ciGLap06RpE2Epp72>

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INGENAES is operational in seven countries: Bangladesh, Zambia, Nepal, Honduras, Tajikistan, Sierra Leone and Uganda. In Uganda, INGENAES is partnering with UFAAS to strengthen the gender and nutrition integration within public sector and private sector extension service providing organizations. You can find more information on INGENAES: www.ingenaes.illinois.edu; on the Feed the Future initiative: www.feedthefuture.gov and on UFAAS: www.ufaas-ugandacf.org