



COCHRAN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
2015
APPLICATION FORM

(NOTE: PLEASE TYPE IF POSSIBLE)

***** APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS MUST BE IN ENGLISH *****

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

FAMILY NAME, Given Name

(Please capitalize FAMILY NAME.

Name must correspond exactly with passport or travel documents)

Date of Birth: _____

(Day / Month / Year) e.g., 03/March/1970

City of Birth: _____

Country of Birth: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

Home Address:

Street

Town or City

Country and Post Code

II. CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:

Title or Position

Organization/Company

Street

Town or City

Country and Post Code

COMPLETED APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

- 2 Letters of Recommendation
2 Photographs
Photocopies of All International Travel Documents (Passport)
Signed Conditions of Training
Medical Clearance Documentation

MALE [] FEMALE []

(Home Telephone)

(Personal Mobile Telephone)

(Personal Email Address)

Dates of Employment

From: To: Present

Work Telephone

Fax

Work Mobile Telephone

Work Email Address

III. PROPOSED PROGRAM:

A) What technical subjects, topics, courses and/or fields do you want to study? (It is important to give a detailed description of the training you want. USDA will use this information to design your training program in the United States. Continue on back of page.)

B) U.S. Contacts Already Established: Please list name, address, and telephone number of professionals in your field in the United States with whom you already have contact.

_____ Name	_____ Name	_____ Name
_____ Title	_____ Title	_____ Title
_____ Company	_____ Company	_____ Company
_____ Address	_____ Address	_____ Address
_____ Telephone	_____ Telephone	_____ Telephone

C) Training dates: Please list any dates you are NOT available for the program

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IV. EMPLOYMENT: (Start with current employment)

A) Dates of Employment (**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT**)

From: _____ To: Present _____

_____	Organization Name	Supervisor's Name
_____	Number & Street	Supervisor's Telephone
Title of Position: _____	Town or City	Organization Telephone
_____	Country and Post Code	

Description of your place of employment and your duties and responsibilities:
(Continue on the back of the page if necessary.)

B) Dates of Employment

From: _____ To: _____

_____	Organization Name	Supervisor's Name
_____	Number & Street	Supervisor's Telephone
Title of Position: _____	Town or City	Organization Telephone
_____	Country and Post Code	

Description of your place of employment and your duties and responsibilities:

V. TRAINING BENEFITS:

How will your employer use your training when you return from the United States?

VI. SUPERVISOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR APPLICANT'S TRAINING:

Please have your supervisor complete the following questions. Provide an English translation if necessary.

A) What do you want the applicant to learn while in the United States for training?

B) How will the applicant's training be used by the organization when he/she returns from the United States?

Thank you.

Signature

Title

Date

VII. ACADEMIC EDUCATION AND TRAINING EXPERIENCE

A) Academic

Name of Institution	Field of Study	Dates Attended	Degree & Date Completed	Language of Instruction

B) Training: (List additional training in home country.)

Field of Study	Dates	Language/Place of Instruction

C) Additional Training in Other Countries:

Field of Study	Dates	Language of Instruction	Country

Awards, Honors, Scholarships Received, Publications, Professional Memberships:

VIII. LANGUAGES

(Please indicate **ENGLISH** capabilities in first line, additional languages on remaining lines)

Little to none	Understands but requires interpretation	Only requires interpretation for complex discussions	Does not require interpretation	Fluent
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English

Speaking

Reading

Writing

Other Languages

IX. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

(Name)

(Home Telephone)

Relationship: _____

(Mobile Telephone)

(# Street)

(Email Address)

(City or Town)

(Country and Post Code)

X. ATTACHMENTS

Please include with your application the following attachments:

- 1.) **2 passport photographs**
- 2.) **2 letters of recommendation**
- 3.) **Signed Conditions of Training**
- 4.) **1 photocopy of International Passport**

COCHRAN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
CONDITIONS OF TRAINING

Name of Fellow _____
(FAMILY NAME, Given name, Other names)

Country _____

If I am accepted to receive technical training under the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Cochran Fellowship Program, I agree to adhere to my arranged program, to devote my time and attention to my studies and/or practical training, and to conform to Cochran Program regulations and procedures for the duration of my training program. I will not seek extension of the period of my program but will return to my country without delay upon completion of my training acquired under this program. I also agree to conform to all laws of the United States.

Furthermore, I thoroughly understand the following requirements and policies of the Cochran Fellowship Program:

I. Dependents:

USDA does not permit family members to accompany or join a Fellow while he/she is in training.

II. Attendance of Fellows at Conferences and Meetings:

Attendance of fellows at national or international conferences, conventions or meetings of professional, trade, or other associations is not permitted unless such attendance is a part of the Cochran Fellowship training program.

III. Conditions for Termination of Training Programs:

USDA reserves the right to terminate the training program of those Fellows who:

- A. Change the course of study without authorization from the USDA/Cochran Fellowship Program.
- B. Fail to show sufficient interest in or to pursue effectively their training program.
- C. Have severe mental or physical health problems.
- D. Conduct themselves in a manner prejudicial to the program or to the laws of the United States.
- E. Marry during training without securing prior USDA approval.
- F. Have in any way falsified information on the application and/or supporting documents.
- G. Not compliant with Two Year Residence Requirement for DS 2019 SEVIS Program.

IV. Travel:

If selected, the applicant, their institution, or other sponsor assumes financial responsibility for travel to and from Washington, D.C. or their specified arrival/departure site.

V. Financial Support:

The applicant is aware that the financial support provided by the USDA Cochran Program is for training fees, emergency medical insurance, domestic transportation, lodging and food only. The daily maintenance allowance is based on U.S. Government Service Administrates rates and is adequate for modest lodging and food. USDA does not fund any expenses related to family members accompanying the Fellow.

VI. Health and Insurance:

It is a requirement before arrival in the United States that every Fellow has a physical examination and be determined to be in good health. Proof of medical fitness (a signed letter from a medical doctor within 1 month of the program start date) is required before you will be allowed to travel to the United States as a Cochran Fellow. The insurance provided to the Fellow while in the United States will cover only **EMERGENCY** medical care and **DOES NOT** cover pre-existing conditions, prescriptions, dental or optical work. In addition, the Fellow may be responsible for paying the established deductible (\$100.00) for each occurrence. **I understand that USDA and its training providers are not responsible for any costs related to medical care while in the United States.**

VII. Debts and Obligations:

The Fellow will be responsible for all debts and financial obligations incurred while in the United States.

VIII. Two-year Home-Country Physical Presence Requirement:

When you agree to participate in an Exchange Visitor Program and your program falls under the conditions explained below, you will be subject to the **two-year home-country physical presence (foreign residence) requirement**. This means you will be required to return to your home country for two years at the end of your exchange visitor program. This requirement under immigration law is based on Section 212(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Two-year Home-Country Physical Presence Requirement Conditions - An exchange visitor is subject to the two-year home country physical presence requirement if the following conditions exist: **Government funded exchange program** - The program in which the exchange visitor was participating was financed in whole or in part directly or indirectly by the U.S. government or the government of the exchange visitor's nationality or last residence.

For additional information for this requirement, please visit:

http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1267.html#twoyear

Signature below indicates agreement to and understanding of the above conditions.

Applicant's Signature

Date