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FELLOWSHIP GUIDELINES

Food is Local

The social, cultural, economic, and environmental dimensions of food system transformation at the national level

Addressing the urgent need for environmental sustainability while ensuring equitable distribution of food and optimal nutrition will require integrated strategies to understand how the food systems, people, and nature interact at a varying scope and scale. Food systems at local, regional, and global level are complex ranging from traditional subsistence to modernized approaches. Global-level analyses can mask important differences in food systems around the world and the individual actions that countries can take to transform their food system for people and the planet. Food is the leading cause of environmental degradation and poor human health and a better understanding of how food system transformation will play out in countries around the world is urgently needed to tackle climate change, restore biodiversity, and improve human health for all persons.

Food systems are a major cause of global problems, but they can also be a leading solution to many of the crises we face today.

WWF is working with diverse stakeholders at grassroot and global levels by building partnerships to transform food systems that connect people and nature, ensure food security and safety, support livelihoods, and sustain species and habitats for future generations.

ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

Individuals from the following countries are eligible to apply. Please note that within eligible countries preference is given to applicants working in WWF priority areas.

- ▶ Belize
- ▶ Bhutan
- ▶ Bolivia
- ▶ Brazil
- ▶ Cambodia
- ▶ Cameroon
- ▶ Central African Republic
- ▶ Chile
- ▶ Colombia
- ▶ Dem. Republic of Congo
- ▶ Ecuador
- ▶ French Guiana
- ▶ Gabon
- ▶ Guatemala
- ▶ Guyana
- ▶ Honduras
- ▶ Indonesia
- ▶ Kenya
- ▶ Laos
- ▶ Madagascar
- ▶ Malaysia
- ▶ Mozambique
- ▶ Myanmar
- ▶ Namibia
- ▶ Nepal
- ▶ Paraguay
- ▶ Peru
- ▶ Republic of Congo
- ▶ Suriname
- ▶ Tanzania
- ▶ Uganda
- ▶ Vietnam

FOCUS AREAS

To develop evidence-based, innovative, and interdisciplinary research on food system transformation at the national level, the types of proposals that WWF is open to may cover the following themes, but examples are not limited to this list:

- ▶ Sustainable food systems and natural resource management
- ▶ Gender dimensions, equity, and inclusion in food systems
- ▶ Human dimensions in food systems; Equitable social and economic benefits to stakeholders
- ▶ Traditional and indigenous knowledge and culture in food systems
- ▶ Climate-resilient food systems
- ▶ Food systems in achieving Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and global biodiversity goals
- ▶ Food safety and security, and nutrition security
- ▶ Diversification of sustainable food systems
- ▶ Fiscal policy and incentive-based management
- ▶ Role of technology, capacity development, innovation, and data in transforming food systems
- ▶ Community-based transformational leadership linked to sustainable food systems
- ▶ Agroecological practices as nature-positive production (scaling-up agroecological production)
- ▶ Access to markets: Incentives, regulations, and sustainable markets

Proposals should adequately address the following key questions:

- ▶ How will/does the proposed work connect the nexus of food, with people and nature?
- ▶ Why is this research needed now? How does your current/proposed research address a food systems problem?
- ▶ What transdisciplinary approaches, experiential learning, and applied research approaches will your proposed research apply?
- ▶ What is the applicability and feasibility of the proposed research in your country? Would you be working with stakeholders in the implementation of projects related to your research topic?
- ▶ How can the proposed research leverage the WWF Network to sustain beyond the expected timeline?
- ▶ What is the relevance of your work? (What are the linkages of the proposed work to the national and regional food sector – its priorities, needs and stakeholders? How does the current/proposed research link to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and global agendas?)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible.

- ▶ You must be a citizen and legal permanent resident of an eligible country.
- ▶ You must have at least two years of conservation-related work or research experience.
- ▶ You must have a demonstrated commitment to working in conservation in an eligible country.
- ▶ You must be enrolled in, admitted to, or have applied to a master's or PhD program anywhere in the world.
- ▶ You must plan to begin your studies no later than January 2024.
- ▶ You must contact EFN if you are a WWF employee, consultant, or previous EFN grant recipient to determine eligibility.
- ▶ You must submit all required documents by the application deadline (February 1, 2023).

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants can access the online application and guidelines at www.worldwildlife.org/efn. Applicants may apply in English, Spanish, French, or Portuguese.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please e-mail EFN at efn@wwfus.org or visit the WWF-US website for more information.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 1, 2023 at 11:59 PM ET