

Studentships for Graduate Level Training
The McKnight Foundation
Collaborative Crop Research Program (CCRP)
Andes Regional Team

The CCRP is pleased to announce that it is making available 2-3 fellowships in the Andes region to support coursework or thesis research for students pursuing graduate level training (MSc, MA or PhD) in agricultural related biophysical or social sciences. The funds will be available for students who are enrolled or to be enrolled at a university in Latin America or elsewhere. Students studying in Latin America may apply for a maximum of \$10,000 per year, while those studying elsewhere may apply for a maximum of \$45,000 per year. Students may be supported for up to 3 years. The deadline for submitting Letters of inquiry is August 9, 2010.

The CCRP seeks to fund students who are committed to working for the betterment of the low-income rural population in the highlands of Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru, and understand the implications of applied research that works towards the long-term interest of those communities. We aim to support individuals who have demonstrated substantial potential as leaders in their field including research, university teaching or development work. We expect that the students' theses research will contribute to searching for, testing and innovating with approaches to gain new knowledge or outperform existing practices or technologies. Examples include a better way to control a crop disease; an effective way to enhance productivity through a farming systems approach; a more efficient and cost-effective way to improve human nutrition; revaluation and improvement upon indigenous practices and knowledge; and improved ways to enhance extension services for farmers, reach markets and/or influence policy-makers. We particularly encourage Letters of inquiry (LOIs) by women, members of indigenous groups and Andean citizens.

The CCRP funding will ultimately be contingent upon academic acceptance by those universities where the students are or will be enrolled and the University's being awarded a grant. The CCRP will provide funds directly to the University, not to individuals.

If interested, please submit electronically the Letters of Inquiry and a short curriculum vita to the CCRP (Andes Regional Team) by August 9, 2010. Use the following address:

solicitudesCCRPAndes@gmail.com

Letters of Inquiry should be no more than 3 pages in length and address concisely the points indicated below. The LOI is a pre-screening process. Selected candidates will be asked to submit a full application with their institution.

- Name
- Home address
- Email address
- Amount requested
- Proposed period of financing
- Date when proposal is submitted
- Education to date (University, location, subject, dates, degree obtained)
- Professional Discipline (Examples: agronomy, entomology, anthropology)

- Information about the proposed course of study (or the one the student is already part of).
 - University, location, department where the applicant studies or wishes to study.
 - Academic degree focus.
 - How does the choice of university fit the needs of the individual and the expertise needed by the project or region?
 - Statement expressing how the program of study and research will contribute to the professional development of the individual.
- Potential affiliation to current CCRP projects. See: <http://mcknight.ccrp.cornell.edu> for project descriptions.
- Information on potential research topics of interest
- References: Name, position, phone number and email of 3 references who the CCRP can contact about the application.

Please also attach a curriculum vita that should be no more than 2 pages in length and focus on university-level education and work experience, as well as publications, if available.