



Hewlett/IATRC Capacity Building Program in Agricultural Trade Policy, 2006–2007

Program Description

The International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC) has received a grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation to sponsor participation of a select group of developing country researchers in our activities. The purpose of the program is to provide researchers in government and academia, who are concerned with agricultural trade and policy, an opportunity to increase their analytical capacity and broaden their research networks. In this three-year program, sponsored researchers will remain in their home institutions, and will receive funding to participate in IATRC's two meetings per year. Each sponsored researcher will be mentored by a member of the IATRC and will engage in a collaborative research program. The research program will address various issues concerned with agricultural policy and trade in developing countries, with the goal of assisting these countries in their efforts to develop their agricultural sectors to grow, diversify, and become more competitive in world markets.

The IATRC is a network of over 180 agricultural trade economists from universities, government, international agencies and private industry whose mission is to increase the quality and relevance of research in issues concerning agricultural trade and policy. Our website, www.iatrcweb.org, contains detailed information on our activities, members, and the topics and location of our conferences.

Travel costs will be paid for sponsored researchers to attend IATRC meetings over a three-year period. Sponsored researchers will also receive a small allowance for research expenses. No honorarium or stipends will be paid.

Eligibility for Participation

Applicants must meet the following criteria to apply for the program:

1. Have an advanced degree, preferably a PhD, in agricultural economics or a closely related field, and be a citizen of a developing country;
2. Be working in a research, analytical, or policy making capacity in agricultural trade and policy in a government agency, university, or local non-governmental organization in your home country;
3. Obtain a letter of approval from your employer to participate in this program;
4. Speak and write fluent English; and
5. Have a valid passport.

Duration and Requirements of the Program

Researchers are asked to participate in the program for three years. However, the IATRC will make commitments to sponsored researchers on an annual basis contingent on continued grant funding and meeting the following requirements:

1. Active participation in IATRC's two meetings each year;
2. Initiation of a research paper in collaboration with an IATRC mentor, and satisfactory progress towards completion of the research. Expected outcomes are a high-quality research paper and presentation of results at IATRC conferences;
3. Completion of progress reports requested by the IATRC and proper use of grant funds.

Application Procedures

The application below (a fillable pdf form) must be filled out and e-mailed to Linda M. Young at lmyoung@montana.edu by midnight, October 1, 2006. Two signed letters of reference using the accompanying form must be faxed by the same deadline to 1-406-994-6692. It is suggested that one letter of reference be from your current employer. You may submit a curriculum vita in addition to, but not in place of, this application form if you desire.

1. Name of Applicant

a. Family name: _____

b. First name: _____

c. Middle name: _____

d. Prefix (Mr./Ms./Mrs./Dr.): _____

2. Postal Address of Applicant

a. Street, Apt. #: _____

b. City, Postal Code, Country: _____

3. Sex (check appropriate box): Male Female

4. Place of Birth (city or town and country): _____

5. Date of Birth (day/month/year): _____

6. Country of Present Citizenship: _____

7. Country of Present Residence: _____

8. Education:

(List **all post-secondary** educational institutions attended, beginning with the most recent, including any in which you are currently enrolled.)

Name of institution, university or professional school, and location	Major field(s) of study	Dates attended (month and year)		Actual name of diploma or degree	Date received or expected
		from	to		

9. Current Occupation

a. Your job title: _____

b. Date of employment (month & year): _____

c. Name and address of your place of employment:

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10. Describe your current job responsibilities:

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11. Previous Positions Held (begin with most recent)

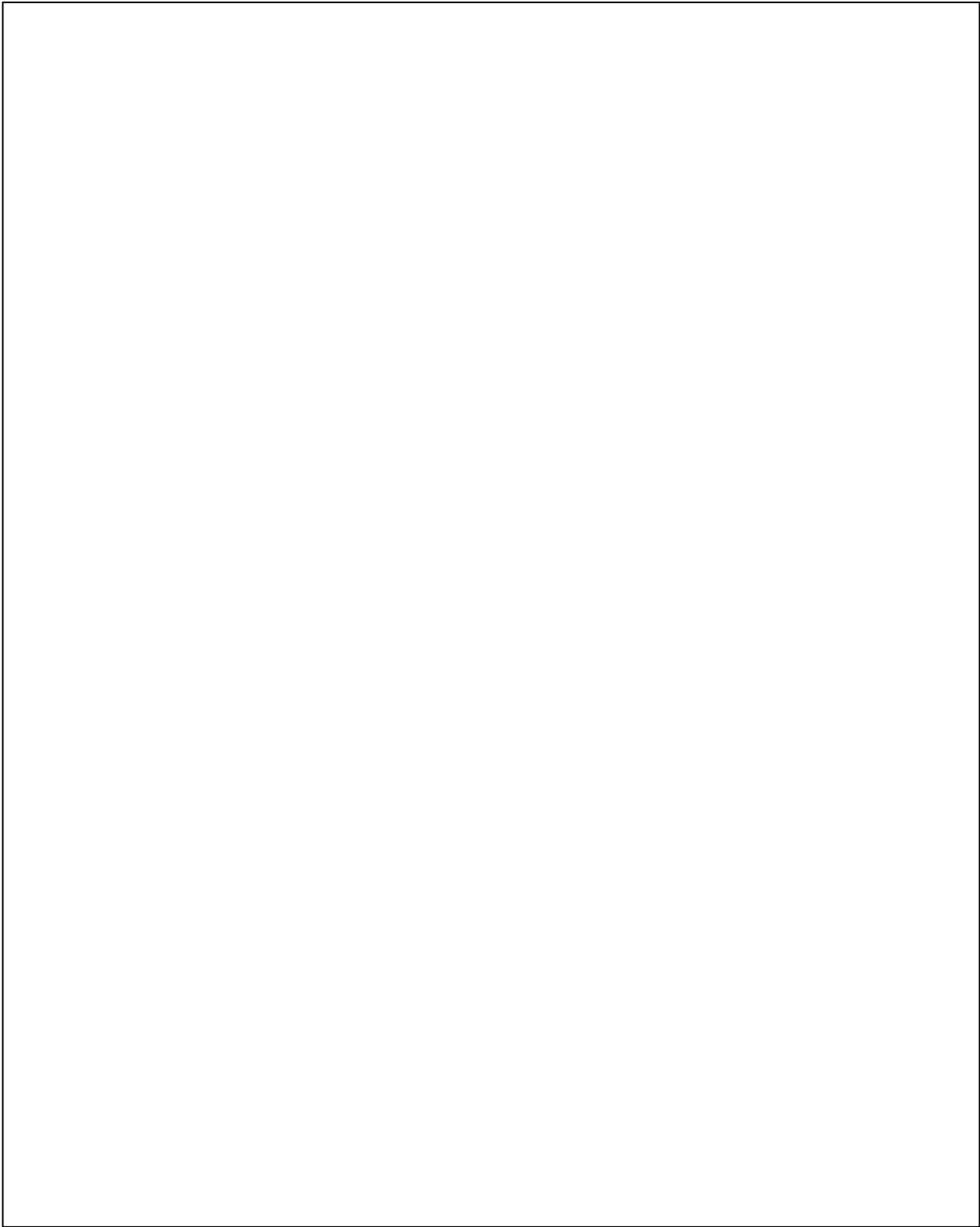
Places of Employment (name and address)	Job Title	Dates of Employment (in years)	
		from	to

12. Briefly describe your most significant publications/honors/awards/projects/other accomplishments.

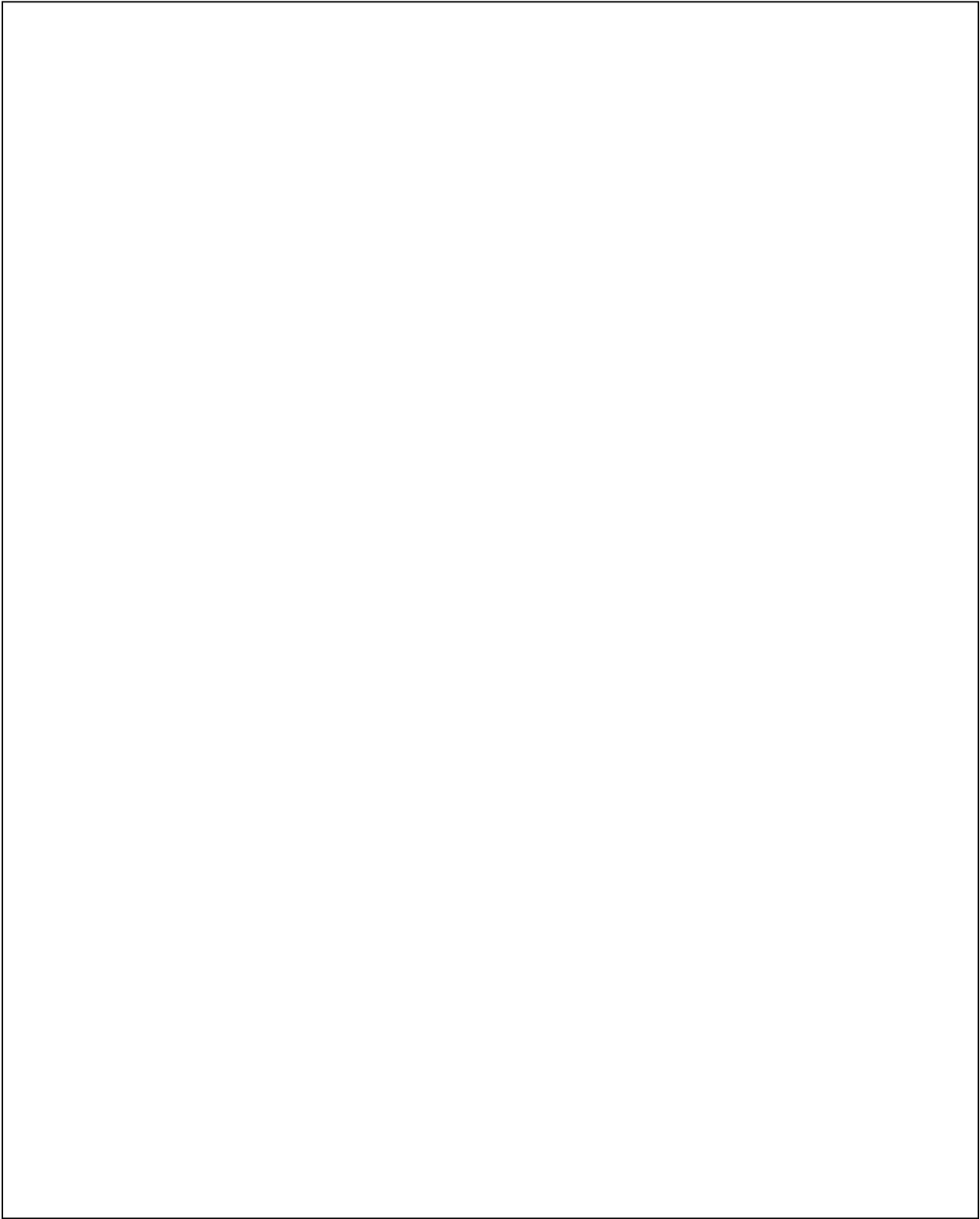
13. Research Proposal

Using the space provided in the boxes on the following **two** pages, please write a brief research proposal describing an issue in agricultural trade and policy that you would like to research, its importance to your country, and a suggested methodology for addressing this issue. Each box has space for approximately 500 words (using size 11 Arial font).

Research Proposal Box 1.

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Research Proposal Box 2.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for writing a research proposal. The box is oriented vertically and occupies most of the page's width and height.

14. Professional Statement

Using the space provided below, please describe your professional goals over the next five years and how participation in this program will help you meet them. The box has space for approximately 250 words (using size 11 Arial font).

16. With the submission of this form, I certify that all the information that I have given in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

(digital signature)

(date)

(If you do not have a digital signature and are unable to create one, please type your name here.)

(date)