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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tunisia and has the honor to request the Ministry's assistance in transmitting the enclosed letters containing application information for the 2019 Norman Borlaug Fellowship Program to the following recipients:

- Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries;
- Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research;
- Ministry of Local Affairs and Environment;
- Ministry of Public Health; and
- Ministry of Trade.

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The letters announce the 2019 Borlaug Fellowship Program and encourage candidates to apply. This program provides early to mid-career agricultural economists, research scientists, faculty, and policymakers with one-on-one training opportunities in the fields of agricultural policy and research.

The Borlaug Fellowship Program applicants must submit their application online no later than December 31, 2018. The online application is available under the following link: <https://borlaug.fluidreview.com/>

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The Embassy's point of contact is the Office of Agricultural Affairs, which can be reached at AgTunis@fas.usda.gov.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Enclosures:

1. Letter to Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries announcing FY2019 Borlaug Fellowship Program
2. Letter to Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research announcing FY2019 Borlaug Fellowship Program
3. Letter to Ministry of Local Affairs and Environment announcing FY2019 Borlaug Fellowship Program
4. Letter to Ministry of Public Health announcing FY2019 Borlaug Fellowship Program
5. Letter to Ministry of Trade announcing FY2019 Borlaug Fellowship Program

Embassy of the United States of America,

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Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Ressources Hydrauliques et de la Pêche

Tunis, le 5 novembre 2018

Objet: Programme de Stages Norman E. Borlaug pour l'année 2019
Pièces jointes : Appel à candidature (03 pages)

Monsieur le Directeur,

J'ai le plaisir de vous faire parvenir, ci-dessous, les thèmes retenus par le Département Américain de l'Agriculture (USDA) pour le Programme Norman E. Borlaug pour l'année 2019:

1. *Biotechnologies (Biotechnology)*
2. *Sécurité Alimentaire (Food Safety)*
3. *Maladies Transfrontières des Animaux et des Plantes (Transboundary Pests and Diseases).*

Pour rappel, le programme Norman E. Borlaug pour les technologies et les sciences agricoles a pour objectif de promouvoir la sécurité alimentaire et la croissance économique en améliorant le savoir scientifique et la recherche. Ce programme permet aux chercheurs de bénéficier de dix à douze semaines de formation auprès d'universités et de laboratoires aux Etats-Unis d'Amérique, au contact de nouvelles techniques de recherches ainsi que des derniers développements scientifiques dans les différents domaines agricoles.

En vue de réaliser les interviews de sélection dans les meilleures conditions, je vous prie de transmettre le dossier aux candidats potentiels qui devront postuler directement en remplissant le formulaire de participation sous le lien suivant <https://borlaug.fluidreview.com/> au plus tard le **31 décembre 2018**.

Pour plus de précision, prière de diriger les candidats vers cette adresse email: BorlaugFellowships@fas.usda.gov

Je vous prie, Monsieur le Directeur, de croire à l'assurance de ma considération.

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Attaché Agricole
Ambassade des Etats-Unis d'Amérique
Tunis, Tunisie

USDA Borlaug Fellowship Program for Tunisia

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is pleased to announce the 2019 *Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellowship Program* (Borlaug Fellowship Program) for Tunisia.

The Borlaug Fellowship Program promotes agricultural productivity, food security, and economic growth through collaborative research. The program offers training for agricultural research, leadership, and agricultural policy to university faculty, researchers, and government officials in Tunisia. Competitively selected Fellows will work one-on-one with a U.S. mentor who will coordinate the training program. After completion of the 10-12 week fellowship, the mentor will visit the Fellow's home institution to continue collaboration on the research topic. USDA will select U.S. host institutions and mentors for each fellow.

The 2019 Borlaug Fellowship Program is administered by the United States Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS).

The application deadline for the 2019 Borlaug Fellowship Program for Tunisia is December 31, 2018.

Objectives

- Provide early to mid-career agricultural economists, research scientists, faculty, and policymakers with one-on-one training opportunities in the fields of agricultural policy and research (see acceptable research areas below).
- Provide agricultural economists, research scientists, faculty, and policymakers with practical experience and exposure to novel perspectives and/or new technologies that can be applied in their home institutions.
- Foster collaboration and networking to improve agricultural productivity and trade.
- Facilitate the transfer of new economic, scientific, and agricultural technologies to strengthen agricultural practices.
- Address obstacles to the adoption of technology such as ineffectual policies and regulations.

Research Topics:

- **Biotechnology:** To enhance researcher capacities to develop, promote, and defend the safe use of biotechnology in the promotion of global food security.
- **Food Safety:** To enhance public health through research of appropriate risk-based regulations that safeguard the food chain.
- **Transboundary Pests and Diseases:** To research the protection of agriculture from transboundary animal and plant pests and diseases.

Length of Fellowships

Fellowships last between 10-12 weeks. All program proposals must include goals that are achievable within that timeframe. Fellowships can begin as early as August 2019 or as late as the summer of 2020. After completing the U.S.-based portion of the fellowship, the mentor will visit the Fellow's home institution approximately one year after the U.S. portion of the training.

Eligibility Requirements

Candidates will be evaluated, interviewed, and selected based on the following criteria:

- Citizen of Tunisia
- Proficient reading, writing, and speaking skills in English language
- Master's degree or higher with at least two years of practical experience (minimum)
- Currently employed by a university, government ministry, research institution, or other scientific institution
- Intention to continue working in the home country for a minimum of two years following the return from the United States
- Early/mid-stage of professional career (2-10 years of experience preferred; candidates with more than 15 years of experience are weakly competitive; candidates with 20 years or more experience will not be considered)
- Proposal must be directly related to one of the approved research areas listed. USDA will not consider proposals submitted on unapproved topics.

Application Requirements

Eligible candidates must submit an application using the Fluid Review application website no later than **December 31, 2018**: <https://borlaug.fluidreview.com>. Applicants must submit the following documents to complete an application:

- Application form (using Fluid Review website). Proposals submitted by email will not be considered.
- Program proposal and research action plan
- Signed approval from applicant's home institution
- Two letters of recommendation (academic and professional preferred)
- Copies of diploma(s) for college/university degree(s) received or transcripts
- Copy of passport identification page

Contact Information

For questions related to the application process please contact:

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Borlaug Fellowship Program
BorlaugFellowships@fas.usda.gov

Additional information is available on the website:
<http://www.fas.usda.gov/programs/borlaug-fellowship-program>