The mission of the Aquaculture CRSP is to enrich livelihoods and promote health by cultivating international multidisciplinary partnerships that advance science, research, education, and outreach in aquatic resources.

The Aquaculture CRSP was created to link the capabilities of U.S. agricultural universities with the needs of developing countries. Collaborative Research Support Programs are funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development and by participating U.S. and host country institutions. Since its inception in 1982, the Aquaculture CRSP has worked to increase global food security through research in aquatic resources and advances in aquaculture.

Visit the Aquaculture CRSP website at <http://pdacrsp.oregonstate.edu/> for additional information.

The Program seeks to encourage promising Oregon State University graduate students to add international dimensions to their research in aquatic resources-related fields of study. The Aquaculture CRSP Fellowship Program will sponsor innovative international activities of graduate student research in fields of specialization that might include social, economic, policy, ecosystems, or food production issues as they relate to aquatic resources or aquaculture.

Priority will be given to fellowship applicants whose proposed international component focuses on low-income food-deficit countries.

Activities could include, but are not limited to: photo journals; ethnographies; lab-based research; global, regional, and/or country comparisons; surveys and questionnaires; and policy reviews, to name a few.
ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible an applicant must:

• Be enrolled in an OSU graduate degree program at the time of application for an Aquaculture CRSP Fellowship Program award;
• Have already had a research proposal in development and reviewed by the applicant’s major professor;
• Have completed at least one year of degree-related coursework at the time of the award; and
• Be a citizen of the United States or its territories or possessions or be lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence. Resident aliens must include their green card number in their application. OSU may choose to verify this number with the Bureau of US Citizenship and Immigration Services.

The Aquaculture CRSP recognizes the need for students of all backgrounds and ethnic groups. For this reason, women, minorities, and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION

Applications must be received in the offices of the Aquaculture CRSP by October 31, 2005. A complete application packet will consist of one original and three (3) copies of the following items:

• Completed Aquaculture CRSP Fellowship Program Application Form (provided in this packet);
• A one-page cover letter describing your academic and career goals and how the proposed research will help achieve these goals;
• Research Proposal: A two-page document describing the problem you propose to address including: 1) a description of the societal importance of the proposed research; 2) a research plan (i.e., hypotheses to be tested, the methodologies to be used, etc.); and 3) what the applicant specifically plans to accomplish during the period of this international fellowship. This plan must have been favorably discussed with your major professor;
• Curriculum Vitae: A document not to exceed five (5) pages highlighting your education, experience, awards received, publications, community service record, etc.;
• Letter of recommendation from your major professor including an affirmation that the proposed master’s or doctoral research has been favorably discussed;
• Two other academic or professional letters of recommendation;
• Transcripts of all OSU coursework (unofficial transcripts and photocopies are acceptable);
• Copy of approved graduate program, including list of coursework completed;
• Evidence of competence in the language spoken where the research will be conducted, if needed; and
• Completed supplemental Aquaculture CRSP Fellowship Program Cost Share Form (provided in this packet).

The Aquaculture CRSP will acknowledge receipt of applications within five business days of submission. Based on the full application, a selection committee will conduct a merit review of the applicant. Following the review, top-rated applicants may be asked to interview.

APPLICATION EVALUATION CRITERIA

Each application will be evaluated on the following criteria:

• Applicant’s dedication to her or his studies and long-term career goals;
• Evidence of research capability and competence;
• Proven academic excellence;
• Organizational, analytical, and communication skills;
• Innovativeness of proposed research and international activities;
• Potential to enrich and expand applicant’s international perspectives and worldviews as they relate to her or his field of study; and,
• Level of academic/university support.
APPLICATION EVALUATION CRITERIA (cont.)

Though not required, non-federal cost share committed by an applicant’s major professor, department, or college in the amount of $1,250 (25% of the fellowship award) or more demonstrates significant institutional support for a student’s activities and may be considered as an additional criterion during review of applications. Even lesser contributions of non-federal cost share committed by an applicant’s major professor, department, or college will still enhance an application. Applicants who cannot garner institutional support in the form of non-federal cost share will not be disqualified from consideration. See the Optional Cost Share Form (provided in this packet) for additional information.

AWARD INFORMATION

Award Provisions, Requirements, and Restrictions

The Aquaculture CRSP Fellowship Program will award up to $5,000 for international dimensions of master’s or doctoral research. The Aquaculture CRSP Fellowship Program is intended to either: 1) provide funds for graduate students who do not currently have such support; or 2) augment graduate students’ current funding.

- International activities sponsored by the Aquaculture CRSP Fellowship Program must be completed by 30 June 2006;
- The funds awarded must be used in support of the fellow’s international research;
- The Aquaculture CRSP Fellowship Program award must be used to support the fellow’s time (salary/stipend) and research supplies and services but not to pay for travel; and
- The Aquaculture CRSP Fellowship Program award is not intended to replace existing stipends or tuition remission arrangements. The $5,000 award cannot be used to substitute for the stipend and/or tuition remission the applicant would have received anyway. If the applicant already receives a stipend and/or tuition remission, the Aquaculture CRSP Fellowship Program funding will be made to augment the applicant’s current funding.

Award Deliverables

- Acknowledgment of the Aquaculture CRSP and its support in all publications resulting from this research, including thesis or dissertation, and refereed and non-refereed articles;
- A two- to four-page paper, including photographs, describing the benefits of the Aquaculture CRSP Fellowship Program and any results obtained; and
- If requested, Fellows are expected to attend Aquaculture CRSP conferences as long as they are in the Aquaculture CRSP Fellowship Program, unless immediate needs of their research projects make attendance impractical. Resources to support this travel will be made available independently of the $5,000 Aquaculture CRSP Fellowship Program award.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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Aquaculture Collaborative Research Support Program
Fellowship Program for OSU Graduate Students

Application Form

General Information

Name: ___________________________________________ Male ☐ Female ☐

Last Name                      First Name                      Middle Name(s)

Home Address:

Street __________________________ City __________ State ________ Zip Code ____________

Daytime Phone: __________________ E-Mail Address: ______________________________

Are you a U.S. citizen?  Yes ☐ No ☐ If not: a. Country of citizenship: _______________

b. U.S. visa type: __________

c. Green card identification number: ______________________

Non-U.S. citizens: please note that United States Agency for International Development rules may restrict your eligibility. The Aquaculture CRSP may request a copy of your U.S. visa and/or IAP-20 form as a part of the application process.

Research Information

Title of research project: _______________________________________________________

Masters’ or doctoral research project has been discussed with applicant’s major professor? Yes ☐ No ☐

Location(s) of the international activities of this project: __________________________________________________________

International activities for research will start (mm/dd/yy) __________ will end (mm/dd/yy) __________

(last day 06/30/06)

Department and Academic Information

Major field of study: _____________________________________________________________

Estimated date of graduation: __________________________ Degree seeking: Master’s ☐ Doctorate ☐
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OSU Department ____________________________ College of ____________________________

Name of Major Professor: ____________________________________________________________

Professor’s Phone: ____________________________ Professor’s E-Mail: ______________________

Will you be a continuing graduate student, according to OSU regulations, in the 2005-2006 academic year or until you graduate? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you currently have a GRA or GTA? Yes ☐ No ☐
Do you expect this GTA or GRA to last through June 2006? Yes ☐ No ☐

Is your research currently being funded? Yes ☐ No ☐
Do you expect this funding to last through June 2006? Yes ☐ No ☐

Describe the terms & conditions of support given by OSU and/or other sources: ____________________________

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List in chronological order ALL schools attended since high school. Include current college or university.

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I certify that I have considered each question carefully and that my statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Further, I understand that an award of an Aquaculture CRSP Fellowship may be denied if any information is found to be incomplete or inaccurate.

Signature ____________________________ Date __________

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Optional Cost Share Form

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The value of tuition remission can be counted as cost share. Other acceptable forms of cost share include the applicant’s major professor’s contribution of FTE, the cost for the major professor to the visit the international field site, supporting the applicant to attend professional meetings, etc. The Aquaculture CRSP Fellowship Program is not intended to replace the applicant’s current stipend or tuition remission; rather is it meant to augment it to further support the applicant in adding international dimensions to his or her research.

This form must be signed by the applicant’s major professor, department chair or head, or college dean.

Department and Academic Information

ACRSP Fellowship Program Applicant’s Name: ____________________________________________

Describe the terms and conditions of providing cost share support by OSU and/or other non-federal sources:

________________________________________________________________________________________
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Department: __________________________________________________________

Name of Departmental Accountant: ________________________________________________

Accountant’s Phone: ___________________________ E-Mail: ____________________________

Affirmation of non-federal cost share commitment by applicant’s major professor, department chair or head, or college dean

I certify that this Fellowship applicant will receive the above-described non-federal cost share in support of research if he or she is awarded a Fellowship.

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Name and Title (printed): ____________________________________________