



International Programs

College of Agriculture,
Food and Natural Resources
University of Missouri

Round 2: SPECIAL CALL **CGIAR COLLABORATION FUNDING** **CAFNR International Collaborations Grant Program** **Spring 2022 Call for Proposals**

Purpose

The CAFNR International Collaborations Grant was conceived to stimulate CAFNR faculty's international activities that enhance the teaching, research and/or outreach mission of the college. Because we know of instances where international experiences have been "life-changing experiences" for faculty and students, CAFNR International Programs (CIP) organizes the dean's annual support and donor's generous gifts to:

- a) Enhance promising collaborations, and/or
- b) Stimulate value-added activity in existing collaborations that might generate added funding or "next-level" activity on a "priority issue."

The purpose of this incentive fund is to stimulate international research, teaching and outreach collaborations consistent with CAFNR Strategic Plan Goal 6: Championing Global Citizenship and Engagement. The collaborations can be in any discipline or area considered appropriate for CAFNR faculty. If the collaboration involves faculty from more than one division within MU, or involves junior faculty, that will be considered an added plus. **Pilot efforts that have the potential to attract external funding are encouraged.**

CGIAR Collaboration

For Spring 2022, we are offering a special funding opportunity for CAFNR faculty to build relationships with the world's [CGIAR Centers](#). The 15 CGIAR Centers are independent, non-profit research organizations, conducting innovative research. Home to more than 8,000 scientists, researchers, technicians, and staff, CGIAR research works to create a better future for the world's poor. CGIAR is the world's largest global agricultural innovation network. They provide evidence to policy makers, innovation to partners, and new tools to harness the economic, environmental and nutritional power of agriculture.

A webinar associated with this funding opportunity will be hosted by the CAFNR Research Council at 3:30 pm on February 10 via Zoom (<https://umsystem.zoom.us/j/93978297175>) to explain and discuss the roles of CGIAR Centers and researchers. The speakers, Dr. Nicoline de Haan and Dr. Stephan Weise, will present an overview of the CGIAR centers. Dr. de Haan holds a PhD in rural sociology from the University of Missouri, and is a senior researcher with more than 15 years of expertise in gender, rural livelihoods, agriculture, and natural resource management. She is presently the Director of the CGIAR GENDER Platform.



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Previously, she served as the leader of the gender team at the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI). Before ILRI, she led the work on gender, poverty and institutions under the CGIAR program on Water, Land and Ecosystems (WLE) examining the implications of inequity in access and control over natural resources, and finding options to ensure inclusive benefit sharing.

Dr. Stephan Weise is Managing Director of the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT in Asia, he was Bioversity International's Deputy Director General for Research for almost a decade. Before joining Bioversity International, Dr. Weise worked for 16 years with the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) on a variety of programs related to tree crops, the environment, and farm diversification in the forest margins of West and Central Africa.

Applications

To apply for this funding opportunity, please attend the webinar on Feb 10 and submit a written proposal for developing collaborations and relationships with faculty at one of the CGIAR Centers.

Funding

Up to \$5,000 per application may be requested

The incentive funds may be used:

- for travel, both domestic and international, for collaboration development,
- to host international collaborators for the purpose of collaboration development,
- for pilot studies needed to facilitate the preparation of a proposal for external funding opportunities,
- other ideas faculty or staff may have consistent with the purpose of these funds.

Proposal Content

Proposal may be up to 3 pages in length

- ☐ A description of the research, teaching or outreach issue/question under consideration.
- ☐ Information on the CGIAR collaborator(s) and their research.
- ☐ The anticipated “end product” from the use of the incentive grant.
- ☐ The faculty, staff and/or students involved.
- ☐ The potential benefit to CAFNR.
- ☐ The anticipated source of funding to be pursued from this collaboration.
- ☐ A brief budget explaining how the funds will be used.

Proposals should be up to three pages, plus the budget. If you have co-funding, please indicate that and give the amount and source.

Recipients of the CAFNR International Collaborations Grant award must agree to submit a 2 page (or more) report summarizing the accomplishments/results at the end of six months, or when the funds are expended, if longer than six months.



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Deadline

Deadline for proposals is **April 30, 2022**. They will be evaluated by a three person committee of previous fund recipients from different divisions. Results will be announced by **May 15**.

Please submit proposals to Kerry Clark (ClarkK@missouri.edu) and Lindsey Saunders (SaundersL@Missouri.edu) with the subject line “CAFNR CGIAR International Collaboration Proposal.”

Contribute

You, too, can help grow CAFNR’s international impact and research agenda by growing this fund today. See details: <https://tinyurl.com/CAFNRIntlFacultyCollabGrant>