2021 Borlaug-Ruan International Internship  
Parent / Guardian Consent Form

The Borlaug-Ruan International Internship program provides promising young leaders a unique professional research and work experience with the leading international organizations in food, nutrition, agriculture and development in Africa, Asia, the Americas, Europe and the Middle East.

Eligibility: Any student who has participated in a World Food Prize Youth Institute, is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, and is 17-20 years old (on June 1, 2021) is eligible to apply. Applicants must be proficient in English to be considered for placement. Some internship placements additionally require Spanish proficiency.

The program differs from other study abroad and internship programs in that the students complete original research projects alongside World Food Prize and Nobel Laureates, and work with acclaimed international scientists, practitioners, and policymakers in the field to improve food security and solve the most pressing agricultural, nutritional, health, economic and environmental problems around the world. The intern becomes an integral member of their team, spending significant time in the laboratory, in the field, or in local communities conducting research and gathering data.

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the 2021 Borlaug Ruan International Internships will be offered as virtual, remote work internship experiences that students can complete safely and socially-distanced from their home or school. There will be no international travel component as part of the internship experience. Instead, special virtual tours and interactive cultural immersion experiences and training will be offered online.

There is no fee to apply or participate, and the World Food Prize Foundation and host organizations will provide the intern research project, weekly mentorship and supervision, and access to specialized trainings, virtual tours, and cultural immersion experiences. Interns are required to commit at least 200 hours to their host organization, and will complete the internship between May and August 2021, depending on the availability and preference of the intern, their project mentor, and the host organization. This is an unpaid internship. For more information, go to www.worldfoodprize.org/BR

By signing below, I verify that the student listed below has my permission to apply for and, if selected, participate in the Borlaug-Ruan International Internship Program.

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Parent / Guardian Full Name          Student Applicant Full Name

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Parent / Guardian Email Address      Parent / Guardian Phone Number

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Parent / Guardian Signature          Date