

2025 Borlaug-Ruan Internship Application

Thank you for your interest in applying for a Borlaug-Ruan International Internship!

To be considered, please complete this form and submit the following items **by 11:59 pm CST on Sunday, December 1, 2024:**

- **Resume**
- **Writing Sample** (Prompt: *Imagine that you are recommending yourself to a host organization. What do you want them to know about you? What skills do you have? What accomplishments? What relevant interests and passions will you share? In one page, persuade the host organization to take you on as an intern by preparing a biography/cover letter.*)
- **Two References** (Note: *It is your responsibility to send your references the Online Recommendation Form found here: www.worldfoodprize.org/BRInternReference. Send them this link and ask them to complete the form by December 8, 2025.*)
- **Passport Copy** (or application confirmation) - must be valid through February 2026
- **[Parent/Guardian Consent Form](#)**

Eligibility:

- Participated in, volunteered for, or has other involvement with a World Food Prize Foundation Youth Program
- Between the ages of 17 - 20 years old on June 1, 2025

In order to submit this form, you must be signed in to a Google account. If you do not have a Google account, please create one before filling out the form and uploading your documents.

Questions? Contact: Renee Cooper at rcooper@worldfoodprize.org.

** Indicates required question*

1. Email *

Applicant Information

2. Primary email address *

We will use this email address to contact you. Please enter the email address at which you prefer to be contacted and that you check frequently.

3. Secondary email address *

If you provided a school email address above, please enter a personal email address (gmail, outlook, icloud, hotmail etc) for our records.

4. First name *

5. Last name *

6. Name you prefer to be called (i.e. first name, nickname, etc.) *

7. Mobile phone *

Numbers only, no punctuation. Include country code. (Example: 15152551000)

8. Home address *

9. Home city *

10. Home state/province *

11. Home country *

12. Home zip/postal code *

13. Gender *

The World Food Prize Youth Programs are open and inclusive to all, and do not discriminate on the basis of gender identity or expression. In order to ensure effectiveness in our programming and to consider the needs of every participant, please check all that apply.

Check all that apply.

- Female
- Male
- Transgender
- Nonbinary
- Prefer to self describe
- Prefer not to disclose

14. If you selected "Prefer to self describe" in the previous section, please elaborate.

15. Pronouns *

Help us refer to you by the proper pronoun by indicating the way you prefer to be addressed below. If your pronouns are not listed, please indicate by selecting "Other" and typing in your pronouns.

Mark only one oval.

- She/Her/Hers
- He/Him/His
- They/Them/Theirs
- Other: _____

16. Ethnicity/race *

Please select all that apply. Information collected is only used for statistical purposes.

Check all that apply.

- Asian
- Black or African
- Hispanic or Latino/a/x
- Indigenous
- Middle Eastern
- Pacific Islander
- White or Caucasian
- Prefer not to disclose
- Prefer to self describe

17. If you selected "Prefer to self describe" in the previous section, please elaborate.

Please enter in the ethnicities and/or races that you identify with. Only answer if you selected "Prefer to self describe" in the previous question.

18. Date of birth (month/day/year) *

Note: You must be between the ages of 17 - 20 on June 1, 2025 to be eligible.

Example: January 7, 2019

School Information

19. School name *

20. School city *

21. School state/province *

22. School country *

23. Current grade level or year in school *

24. If currently enrolled in university, list your degree and major

25. Language skills *

Please indicate the languages in which you would feel comfortable using in the workplace, and indicate how you use each language you list (e.g. native language, I speak it at home with my parents, etc.)

26. Please specify any World Food Prize Youth Program(s) you have been involved in as a participant, volunteer, or other (you may select more than one): *

Check all that apply.

- Youth Institute
- Global Youth Institute
- USDA Wallace-Carver Fellowship
- Borlaug-Ruan International Internship
- Foundation Internship (formerly known as the George Washington Carver Internship)
- Board of Reviewers
- None of the Above
- Other: _____

27. Select the Youth Institute(s) you participated in as a student, volunteer, coordinator, or other:

Check all that apply.

- Alabama Youth Institute at Tuskegee University
- Arkansas Youth Institute at the University of Arkansas
- Colorado Youth Institute at Colorado State University
- Florida Youth Institute at the University of Florida
- Honduras Youth Institute at Zamorano University
- Indiana Youth Institute at Purdue University
- Iowa Youth Institute at Iowa State University.
- Kansas Youth Institute at Kansas State University
- Kenya Youth Institute at the Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research Organization
- Maryland Youth Institute at the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore
- Michigan Youth Institute at Michigan State University at East Lansing
- West Central Youth Institute at the University of Minnesota Morris
- Med City Youth Institute at the University of Minnesota Rochester
- Northern Great Plains Youth Institute at the University of Minnesota Crookston
- Minnesota Youth Institute at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities
- Mississippi Youth Institute at Mississippi State University
- Missouri Youth Institute at the University of Missouri
- Nebraska Youth Institute at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln
- New Jersey Youth Institute at Rutgers University
- New York Youth Institute at Cornell University
- North Carolina Youth Institute at North Carolina State University
- Ohio Youth Institute at The Ohio State University
- Pennsylvania Youth Institute at Penn State University
- SLU Youth Institute at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
- South Dakota Youth Institute at South Dakota State University
- Texas Youth Institute at Texas A&M University
- Uganda Youth Institute at the Iowa State University Center for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods
- Wageningen Youth Institute at Wageningen University Research
- Wisconsin Youth Institute at the University of Wisconsin Madison
- World Food Prize Foundation Virtual Youth Institute
- Other: _____

28. What year(s) did you participate in the Youth Institute?

29. Have you applied for the Borlaug-Ruan Internship before? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

30. If yes to the question above, which year(s)?

Research Interests

Click [here](#) to explore previous internship hosts, locations, and projects.

Note: We do consider these answers very carefully when reviewing applications so please give the prompts proper attention.

31. Areas of Interest *

What issues are you interested in researching and working on during this internship, and why?

32. What 2 countries would you be most interested in working in, and why? *

33. Are there any countries or regions you DO NOT want to work in? If so, please explain. *

34. Why do you think you're a good candidate for the Borlaug-Ruan International Internship? *

35. Why do you want to participate in the Borlaug-Ruan International Internship? *

36. Norman E. Borlaug said, "The first essential component of social justice is adequate food for all mankind." How do you see yourself contributing to a more equitable and food secure world? *

Access & Availability

Borlaug-Ruan International Internships will take place over 8 consecutive weeks within the months of May - August 2025.

Note: Your answers to these questions will not affect your eligibility or selection for this opportunity. They are intended to assist our staff and partners in identifying support systems and assistance we should provide to effectively deliver this program.

37. Based on what you know of your schedule today, please select the earliest date you will be available to start the internship. *

Example: January 7, 2019

38. Based on what you know of your schedule today, please select the latest date you will need to be back home to start school. *

Example: January 7, 2019

39. What other opportunities (internships, jobs, research projects, etc.) are you applying for or working on?

Application Materials

40. Resume or curriculum vitae - PDF only *

The selection committee and host organizations will see this, so ensure that your resume or CV is updated and includes relevant work experience, school and community involvement, leadership activities and relevant research/projects. Limit your resume to one page.

*Pro tip: get help developing your resume from family, friends, your school's writing center, etc. We want you to put your best foot forward!

Files submitted:

41. Writing sample - PDF only *

Instructions:

Imagine that you are recommending yourself to a host organization. What do you want them to know about you? What skills do you have? What accomplishments? What relevant interests and passions will you share?

Persuade the host organization to take you on as an intern by preparing a biography/cover letter (**maximum one page**). Please upload your biography in PDF format.

*NOTE: Your biography may actually be sent to a host organization, so give this some thought!

Files submitted:

42. Copy of passport *

For student applicants who are U.S. Citizens:

Please submit clear images of the signature and photo page of the student applicant's U.S. passport, which must be valid through February 2026 and have at least two blank visa pages; OR submit an invoice verifying that the applicant's U.S. passport application has officially been submitted to the U.S. Department of State prior to December 1, 2024.

For student applicants who are foreign nationals residing permanently in the U.S:

Please submit clear images of the signature and photo page of the student applicant's foreign passport and U.S. permanent resident card, both of which must be valid through February 2026 and have at least two blank visa pages.

For student applicants who are not U.S. Citizens:

Please submit clear images of the signature and photo page of the student applicant's passport, which must be valid through February 2026 and have at least two blank visa pages; OR submit an invoice verifying that the applicant's passport application has officially been submitted to the appropriate ministry prior to December 1, 2024.

Files submitted:

43. Parent/Guardian Consent Form - PDF *

Download the [Parent/Guardian Consent](http://www.worldfoodprize.org/BRApplication) form at www.worldfoodprize.org/BRApplication. Then print, sign, scan and upload the completed form here. Digital signature is acceptable.

Files submitted:

References

Provide the names and information for two references. One must be a teacher who has had you as a student in class. The other reference can be a teacher, coach, employer or mentor. A parent or relative cannot serve as a reference.

Note: You must request your two references complete the online Recommendation Form by December 8, 2024 on your behalf. The form is located at www.worldfoodprize.org/BRInternReference - SEND THEM THIS LINK. The World Food Prize Foundation may contact your references to verify the information submitted.

44. First reference - first name *

45. First reference - last name *

46. First reference - school/organization/company *

47. First reference - email address *

48. Second reference - first name *

49. Second reference - last name *

50. Second reference - school/organization/company *

51. Second reference - email address *

Medical, Health & Accessibility Needs

We welcome participants of all abilities. To request accommodation due to medical condition or accessibility needs, please indicate below.

52. Student's medical or health conditions and accessibility needs *

Please indicate if any special accommodations are needed and/or any health or medical conditions your host should know about. If there are none, please state "None" as your answer.

53. Student's dietary accommodations *

Please indicate any food allergies or dietary accommodations your host should know about (e.g. vegetarian/vegan). If none, please state "None" as your answer.

54. Emergency contact - name *

In case of emergency, who should we contact?

55. Emergency contact - relation to student *

Example: Mother, Father, Grandparent, Guardian, etc.

56. Emergency contact - phone number *

Numbers only, no punctuation. Include country code. (Example: 15152551000)

57. Emergency contact - email address *

Applicant Affirmations

By selecting yes in the following questions, you are authenticating your application as valid.

58. I understand that this is a full-time, international internship (i.e. 40 hours/week) and requires an 8-week minimum commitment within the May - August 2025 timeframe, during which I will not return home unless in case of emergency. Specific dates will be determined with placements, if selected (e.g. May 31 - August 10, 2025). *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

59. I understand that Borlaug-Ruan Interns are expected to participate in, and present at, the World Food Prize Foundation events in October 2025 as a core component of the internship experience. *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

60. I understand that Borlaug-Ruan Interns are required to develop a research paper or other knowledge product at the conclusion of the internship, as well as provide summary presentations for their host organization and the World Food Prize Foundation as requested. *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

61. I confirm that I have participated in a World Food Prize Foundation program, will between the ages of 17 - 20 years old on June 1, 2025, and am willing and able to complete all expectations of the Borlaug-Ruan Internship Program. *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

62. Media Release: I give consent and authorization to the World Food Prize Foundation ("Foundation") for the use of videos, photographs, pictures, and images (either still or in action) in any publication, website, commercial, or other medium for or on behalf of the Foundation, and waive and forever release the Foundation from and against any and all claims, demands or causes of action arising out of, or associated with, the Foundation's use of the photograph, picture or image. The authorization and consent granted herein shall continue in full force and effect until a written revocation is executed and delivered to the Foundation. *

Mark only one oval.

Yes - I am 18 years old or older

Yes - I am under 18 years old

63. I would also be interested in the [USDA Wallace Carver Fellowship](#).

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

64. Anything else we should know in regards to your application?

This content is neither created nor endorsed by Google.

Google Forms

