

2022 Borlaug-Ruan Internship Application

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

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, World Food Prize Foundation will primarily offer the 2022 Borlaug-Ruan Internships as virtual, remote work internship experiences that you can complete safely and socially-distanced from your home or school. Depending on site safety and capacity, in-person internship experiences requiring international travel may also be offered.

Please complete this form - and submit your video testimonial/written letter, resume, transcript, writing sample, and parent/guardian consent form - by 11:59 pm on Sunday, December 19, 2021. 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.

Eligibility: Any student who has participated in a World Food Prize Youth Institute and is 17-20 years old (on June 1, 2022) is eligible to apply.

Applicants must be proficient in English to be considered for placement in most research centers. Some placements additionally require native or near-native proficiency in Spanish or Chinese.

Questions? Contact: Rebecca Picard at rpicard@worldfoodprize.org

* Required

1. Email *

Applicant Information

2. Email Address *

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

3. First Name *

4. Last Name *

5. Cell / Mobile Phone *

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

6. Home Phone

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

7. Preferred Phone Number

Please indicate which phone number you prefer

Mark only one oval.

Cell / Mobile Phone

Home Phone

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 type 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 ethnicity and/or race that best represents you. Only answer if you selected "Prefer to Self Describe" in the previous question.

18. Date of Birth *

Note: You must be at least 17 years of age, and no older than 20, on June 1st of 2022 to be eligible (ie. your date of birth is between June 1, 2002 - June 1, 2006)

Example: January 7, 2019

School Information

19. School Name *

20. School City *

21. School State / Province *

22. School Country *

23. Grade / Standard Level or Year in School *

24. If currently enrolled at University, list your Degree and Major

25. Languages Spoken/Written at Native or Near-Native Level *

*Example: English (Verbal-Native, Written-Near-Native), Spanish (Verbal-Native), Kiswahili (Verbal-Near-Native)

WFPF Youth Program Alumni Information

26. Please specify the World Food Prize Youth Program(s) you have participated in or helped coordinate: *

Check all that apply.

- A Youth Institute
- The Global Youth Institute
- USDA Wallace-Carver Fellowship
- Borlaug-Ruan International Internship
- George Washington Carver Internship
- None of the Above

Other: _____

27. Select the Youth Institute you participated in or helped coordinate:

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
- 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
- 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
- Wageningen Youth Institute at Wageningen University Research
- Wisconsin Youth Institute at the University of Wisconsin Madison
- World Food Prize Summer Youth Institute (live or on-demand)

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

31. Areas of Interest *

What issues are you interested in researching and working on this Summer? Select all that apply.

Check all that apply.

- Animal Health and Livestock Production
- Aquaculture
- Business, Economics and Finance
- Communications
- Education
- Engineering
- Genetics & Biotechnology
- Human Nutrition and Health
- Insects
- Plant Health and Crop Production
- Policy and Politics
- Sustainable Agriculture and Environmental Conservation
- Water and Sanitation
- Women and Girls Empowerment
- Rural Sociology and Development

32. What are your top three areas of interest, and why? *

33. Organizations of Interest *

What research centers and organizations would you be interested in working for this Summer? Select all that apply.

Check all that apply.

- Africa Rice Center in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
- Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) in Bogor, Indonesia
- Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) in Beijing, China
- China Agricultural University (CAU) in Beijing, China
- China National Hybrid Rice Research and Development Center (CNHRRDC) in Changsha, China
- EARTH University in Limón, Costa Rica
- International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) in Beirut, Lebanon
- International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) in Nairobi, Kenya
- International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) in Kathmandu, Nepal
- International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) in Cali, Colombia
- International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) in Patancheru, India
- International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in Washington DC, USA
- International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) in Abidjan, Nigeria
- International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) in Nairobi, Kenya
- International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) in El Batán, Mexico
- International Potato Center (CIP) in Lima, Peru
- International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in Los Baños, Philippines
- International Water Management Institute (IWMI) in Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Maharashtra Hybrid Seed Company Limited (Mahyco) in Jalna, India
- M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF) in Chennai, India
- Peking University (PKU) in Beijing, China
- Self-Help International in Kumasi, Ghana
- S.M. Sehgal Foundation in Gurgaon, India
- WorldFish Center in Penang, Malaysia
- World Vegetable Center (AVRDC) in Shanhua, Taiwan

34. Which three centers are you most interested in working at, and why? *

35. Describe your internship goals. *

How do you envision your internship playing a role in your future studies and/or career? What do you hope to learn or experience? What types of research or work are you interested in? What skills or abilities would you like to further develop?

Access & Availability

The Borlaug-Ruan Internships are planned to take place through the months of May - August 2022.

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.

36. Are you interested in a virtual or in-person internship experience? *

Mark only one oval.

- Virtual - remote work from home with an international research partner
- In-Person - international, in-country internship placement requiring travel
- I'm interested in either a virtual or an in-person internship - whichever is available!

37. If placed virtually, how comfortable would you be working remotely and independently with limited daily/weekly online interaction, supervision, and support from your project mentor who is living and working in another country? *

Mark only one oval.

1	2	3	4	5	
Not Comfortable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Very Comfortable

38. Please describe the strengths that you would bring to this type of independent virtual work arrangement and any challenges you expect to face?

39. If placed virtually, will you have a dedicated work space (safe, quiet, uninterrupted) that you will be able to work from effectively where you plan to live and work during the internship? *

Mark only one oval.

1	2	3	4	5	
No / Not Likely	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Yes / Guaranteed

40. If placed virtually, will you personally have access to a dedicated computer or laptop that you can use for official work every day? *

Mark only one oval.

1	2	3	4	5	
No / Not Likely	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Yes / Guaranteed

41. If placed virtually, describe the quality, reliability, and connectivity of your internet access where you plan to live and work during the internship? *

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Weak - I will have inconsistent or poor quality internet access most of the time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Strong - I will have consistent high speed internet access

42. On what date will you be available to begin working? *

When does your current school term end?

Example: January 7, 2019

43. By what date will you need to end your work? *

When does your next school term begin?

Example: January 7, 2019

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

Application Materials

45. Video or Letter *

Submit a video OR written letter (one page max.) addressing two questions: 1) Why do you want to be a Borlaug-Ruan International Intern? 2) How will you use this experience to advance your college or career plans, and have a greater impact in the world? Either record and upload a 3-5 MINUTE VIDEO of yourself answering the two questions OR upload a ONE PAGE WRITTEN LETTER (1GB Max Video File Size. Compatible Video File Types: MOV, MPEG4, 3GPP, AVI, MPEGPS, WMV, FLV, MTS or WebM OR 1GB Max Word or PDF document)

Files submitted:

46. Resume or Curriculum Vitae - PDF Only *

Upload your updated resume or CV (including relevant work experience, school and community involvement, leadership activities)

Files submitted:

47. School Transcripts - PDF Only *

Upload your current academic transcript. An unofficial version is acceptable - a scan of the printed transcript is preferred, but a screenshot of the transcript digitally displayed is allowed. If enrolled at university, please submit both your high school and university transcripts.

Files submitted:

48. Writing Sample - PDF or Word Only *

Upload a sample that demonstrates your ability to communicate in writing. This can be a research paper, school assignment, blog post, the Global Challenge paper you used for a World Food Prize Youth Institute, or another example of your written work.

Files submitted:

49. Parent / Guardian Consent Form - PDF *

Download the Parent / Guardian Consent form at www.worldfoodprize.org/BRApplication. Then print, sign, scan and upload the completed form here.

Files submitted:

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 can not serve as a reference.

Note: You must request your two references complete the online Applicant Reference / Recommendation Form by December 19, 2021 on your behalf. The form is located at www.worldfoodprize.org/BRInternReference. Note: The World Food Prize Foundation may contact your references to verify the information submitted.

References

50. First Reference - First Name *

51. First Reference - Last Name *

52. First Reference - Salutation *

(e.g. Mr., Ms., Dr., etc.)

53. First Reference - Company or School *

54. First Reference - Email Address *

55. Second Reference - First Name *

56. Second Reference - Last Name *

57. Second Reference - Salutation *

(e.g. Mr., Ms., Dr., etc.)

58. Second Reference - Company or School *

59. 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.

60. Student's Medical or Health Conditions and Accessibility Needs *

Please indicate if any special accommodations are needed. If there are none, please state "None" as your answer.

61. Emergency Contact - Name *

In case of emergency, who should we contact?

62. Emergency Contact - Relation to Student *

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

63. Emergency Contact - Phone Number *

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

Applicant Affirmations

By selecting yes in the following questions, you are committing to participate in these events.

64. If selected as a Borlaug-Ruan Virtual Intern, I will be responsible for arranging my own accommodations, work space, computer and internet access, and other needs for the duration of the internship. *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

65. I understand that Borlaug-Ruan Interns are expected to commit at least 200 hours of work over the course of the summer to their host organization. The weekly work schedule and hours of operation/collaboration will be jointly determined by the Intern and their Supervisor based on the needs of the project, organizational logistics, availability and staff scheduling. While a full-time 40 hour per week schedule is standard, flexible part-time arrangements may be possible in some virtual circumstances, depending on the needs of the intern and their supervisor. Borlaug-Ruan Interns will be expected to work at least 15 hours per week (part-time) and may work up to 40 hours per week (full-time). As such, the internship duration may range from 5 weeks (full-time) to 14 weeks (part-time). *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No

66. I understand that Borlaug-Ruan Interns are expected to participate in, and present at, the World Food Prize Foundation events in October 2022 as a core component of the internship experience. *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No

67. 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. These may be delivered live at in-person or virtual events, or pre-recorded for on-demand delivery, depending on the needs of the organizations. This may include creation of a video, slideshow, poster, or other presentation materials. *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No

68. I confirm that I have participated in a World Food Prize Youth Program, will be between the ages of 17 and 20 (on June 1, 2022), am proficient in English, and am willing and able to complete all expectations of the Borlaug-Ruan Internship Program. *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
 No

69. 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
- No

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