



# Rural Community Sustainability National Needs Fellowships

Agricultural Economics, University of Missouri announces:

## Four USDA National Needs Fellowships Masters Degrees in Rural Community Sustainability

Upon completion of requirements, Fellows will receive a Masters degree in Agricultural Economics with a multidisciplinary specialization in rural community sustainability.

### **Available for Winter 2008 or Fall 2008**

While sustainability often focuses on natural resource use, this fellowship is unique in focusing on the sustainability of rural communities. The objective of the Fellows' curriculum is to build competencies that address the interconnections and resulting complexities of economics, resource use, public policy, local government, and social systems associated with the viability and sustainability of rural communities. Using a spatial focus, which places the community within an economic network, a social network and an ecosystem, this program combines cutting edge theories and methods with research and community experiences to address sustainability challenges.

Incoming fellows will receive an annual stipend of \$18,000 for two years, with some additional support for travel or other research expenses.

### **Application Information and Procedures**

- Applicants must be admitted to the Department of Agricultural Economics. Minimum academic standards: <http://dass.missouri.edu/agecon/grad/>.
- Female and minority applicants are encouraged to apply.
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or native residents of U.S. territories.

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