



Agribusiness Management and Sustainable Agriculture National Needs Fellowship

Agricultural Economics, University of Missouri announces:

One USDA National Needs Fellowship for Doctoral Studies in Agribusiness Management and Sustainable Agriculture

Upon successful completion of the program, Fellows will receive a PhD degree in Agricultural Economics with an emphasis in agribusiness and sustainable agriculture.

Program of study begins Fall 2008

This fellowship offers a multidisciplinary curriculum that combines studies in neoclassical, new institutional and organizational economics with training in sustainable agriculture, rural sociology, political ecology, and applied ethics. The purpose is to promote a perspective that balances an economics approach to sustainability with a broader one encompassing concerns for environmental stewardship and social justice. Hence, Fellows will be expected to work across disciplines and within interdisciplinary groups and to apply economic, sociological and philosophical tools and principles to the identification and resolution of problems related to agricultural sustainability. As an example, Fellows may examine critically the relationship between sustainability and trends in agriculture toward greater consolidation, vertical control and contracting.

Incoming fellows will receive an annual stipend of \$24,000 for three years, tuition waivers, health benefits and additional support for travel or other research expenses.

Application Information and Procedures

- Applicants should have completed a Masters degree by Fall 2008.
- Applicants must apply to and be admitted into the Department of Agricultural Economics. In application cover letter, indicate interest in the Fellowship.
- Female and minority applicants are especially encouraged to apply.
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or native residents of U.S. territories.
- Academic standards must be met to maintain eligibility.

For more information, contact Dr. Harvey James (hjames@missouri.edu; phone 573-884-9682). Interested applicants should send an email indicating their intent to apply. Review of applications will begin immediately, but the deadline for applications is February 15, 2008. Application forms for admission and information about graduate studies in Agricultural Economics at the University of Missouri are available at <http://dass.missouri.edu/agecon/grad/>.