The IFAD-Universities win-win partnership

An overview

Project rationale

IFAD projects/partners can benefit from additional analytical work.

Students can gather empirical data and gain field experience.

IFAD can enhance its impact, visibility and quality as a learning institution.

Universities can link their students and programs with development practice.

Win-Win

Target group

120 scholarships to financially disadvantaged students

100 students enrolled in Masters located in the Global South

20 students enrolled in masters located in the Global North

Project Objectives & Outputs

Build capacity of 120 students (priority given to those from list B/C countries)

Increase knowledge required by IFAD-supported operations at project level

120 academic quality deliverables
The program in steps

Step 1: RESEARCH REQUEST
IFAD Projects/Partners send a list of research proposals to the MDP Sec through an online platform (http://tinyurl.com/zqfw22e)

Step 2: ONLINE PLATFORM
The MDP Sec displays research demands on the online platform

Step 3: STUDENTS' PROPOSALS
Students from MDPs worldwide submit their research applications through the online platform

Step 4: THE MATCH
IFAD project + student's supervisor + student on deliverables and practicalities

Step 5: PRE-FIELD DISCUSSIONS
the MDP Sec coordinate the matching between research proposals and student's interest

Step 6: FIELD PRACTICUM
Upon agreement with IFAD, students spend 3 to 6 months of field research at the project site

Step 7: INITIAL PRESENTATION & DRAFT
Students present results to the project & write their thesis under supervision of the MDP supervisor

Step 8: SELECTION OF BEST THeses
The MDP Sec will short-list based on grades then the IFAD host and each MDP where students are enrolled select the top 10%

Step 9: PRIZE FOR BEST STUDENTS
Top 10% students present their dissertation at IFAD HQ and in NYC at the Intl Conf on Sustainable Dev (ICSD)

REPEAT! The overall number of students is 120 = 20 Y1 + 50 Y2 + 50 Y3

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Expected deliverables

Deliverables will respond to research requests under 4 thematic areas

Agronomy & veterinary studies
Development studies
Environmental science & NRM
Economic & financial studies

Examples of deliverables include...

- Analysis of value chains stakeholders capacities, of programme M&E data, policy, etc
- Marketing studies, socio-economic assessments, land tenure studies through research and data collection
- Knowledge management products to disseminate programme results

...and more

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