

# AIARD

Established in 1964, AIARD mobilizes support for international agriculture and rural development programs by:

- Increasing awareness of the instrumental role of agriculture in global development
- Informing policy makers, donors and institutions about effective strategies to advance agriculture and rural development in the global economy
- Improving relationships between agriculture and rural development efforts to promote a sustainable global society (e.g., natural resources, health and nutrition, child survival, HIV/AIDS, gender, democratization)
- Promoting interaction and cooperation among organizations engaged in international development

## FUTURE LEADERS FORUM

The Association for International Agriculture and Rural Development (AIARD) administers a competitive program to nurture and to provide partial financial support to students attending both the AIARD Annual Conference and the annual Future Leaders Forum in Washington, D.C. These scholarships are intended to enhance students' understanding and appreciation of issues and employment opportunities in international agriculture and rural development.

## OUR ALUMNI

Alumni of the Future Leaders Forum have gone on to be leaders across the field of international development.

### AMANDA CRUMP-2005



Associate Director  
Horticulture Innovation Lab  
UC Davis

### IVAN BORJA-2007



Professor of Health Economics and  
Director of Graduate Program in Health  
Economics in Universidad San Francisco  
de Quito, Ecuador.

### RACHAEL COX-2007



Collaborative Research Coordinator,  
International Center for Maize and Wheat  
Improvement (CIMMYT), Mexico.

### MARK HENDERSON-2008



Agriculture Development Officer  
USAID/Timor-Leste (East Timor)



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## FUTURE LEADERS FORUM



### Future Leader Forum alumni are working and studying at:

Washington State University • Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU) • Virginia Tech • World Bank • Texas A&M University • FHI360 • Mississippi State University • Knowledge Driven Agricultural Development (KDAD) • Penn State University • Mercy Corp • Texas Tech • Food for the Hungry • University of Florida • Modernizing Extension and Advisory Services (MEAS) • Duke University  
...and many more

*Nurturing future  
leaders of global  
food security*

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# THE CHALLENGE

Today, over 800 million people in the world are malnourished and one in eight goes to bed hungry every night. By 2050 the world's population is projected to increase from 7.18 billion to over 9 billion people. A critical aspect of meeting the challenge of feeding this expanding population is educating the next generation of leaders in international agriculture and rural development.

In 1997, the Association for International Agriculture and Rural Development (AIARD) began addressing this challenge. AIARD initiated the AIARD Student Scholarship program and brought seven outstanding students to Washington to attend the AIARD Annual Conference. In 2005 the program was expanded to become the Future Leader's Forum, to provide scholarships for 12 students, and to include a student tour of Washington, DC agencies and organizations relevant to global food security. Since that time, through this popular program, AIARD has been actively helping to build the cadre of leaders who will guide and implement tomorrow's international agriculture and rural development programs.



*"The visits to a variety of organizations during the Forum came at the time when I was choosing a career path, and, thus, could not have been more valuable. Being an FLF alumna and an AIARD member also helped me to join a network of international development practitioners, who have provided me with helpful career advice along the way as well as with the ideas for collaboration."*

-Kateryna Schroeder-FLF 2012  
Consultant-World Bank



# YOUR SUPPORT

The Future Leader's Forum has been made possible by generous contributions and active participation of government agencies such as USAID and USDA, universities, and concerned individuals. You can find out more about this program and how to support it at <http://www.aiard.org/future-leaders-forum> or contact Bob Haggerty at [flf@aiard.org](mailto:flf@aiard.org) to discuss sponsorship opportunities.

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## FLF OBJECTIVES

AIARD awards twelve FLF scholarships annually, on a competitive basis, to students who have shown a demonstrated interest and outstanding record in addressing international agriculture and rural development issues and their solutions. These scholarships have the stated objectives of:

Facilitating student attendance and participation in the AIARD Annual Conference in Washington, DC and a tour of the offices of prospective employers following the conference.

2

Broadening student vision and helping to build a broad array of social/cultural, economic and scientific skills required to become an effective professional in international agriculture and rural development.

3

Supporting career visioning and networking by providing opportunities for students to meet with influential individuals in universities, non-governmental organizations (NGO's), Congress, governmental agencies, international consulting firms, international financial institutions and multi-national corporations active in international agriculture and rural development initiatives.