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Frequently Asked Questions

Gender Responsive Agriculture Systems Policy (GRASP) Fellowship

Q: When does the call to apply for the Gender Responsive Agriculture Systems Policy (GRASP) Fellowship open?

A: The application period for the next round of the Gender Responsive Agriculture Systems Policy (GRASP) Fellowship begins on April 11, 2022, and closes on June 30, 2022, 23:59 East Africa Time (GMT+3). Only complete applications submitted within this period will be accepted. Late submissions will NOT be accepted.

Q: How can I access the application form?

A: Application for the Gender Responsive Agriculture Systems Policy (GRASP) Fellowship is via an online form available on the Fellowship website.

Q: Is it possible for me to make any changes to my application after submitting it?

A: No, all submitted applications are final and cannot be amended through the online system or via email.

Q: Do I have to attach supplementary documents such as official academic transcripts/certificates to support my application?

A: No, you do not need to upload documents during the application process. The information provided in the application form is adequate for evaluation during the selection process. However, successful applicants will be required to submit their academic certificates, identification documents, and a letter of endorsement from their institution after selection to verify the information provided in the application form.

Q: Who is eligible for the Gender Responsive Agriculture Systems Policy (GRASP) Fellowship?

A: African women policy practitioners who are citizens of Malawi, Nigeria, and Zambia.



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Q: Do I need to be working in policy to apply for the Gender Responsive Agriculture Systems Policy (GRASP) Fellowship?

A: Yes, all applicants must have a minimum of 10 years of experience in the policy field in agriculture and food systems at national, regional, or continental levels.

Q: I am a citizen of an eligible country, but I work in another country. Do I qualify to apply?

A: Yes, you qualify if you will be available in Africa throughout the Fellowship period, should you be chosen.

Q: I am currently working and/or a resident in the countries mentioned, but I am not a citizen. Am I eligible for the Gender Responsive Agriculture Systems Policy (GRASP) Fellowship?

A: Sorry, no. The first Cohort of the Fellowship is specifically for women scientists and professionals who are citizens of the African countries listed above.

Q: I am an MSc student and expect to complete my studies soon. Do I qualify for the Fellowship?

A: Yes, you qualify for the Fellowship if you will graduate with your master's by the start of the Fellowship. Please indicate that on the application.

Q: What are the essential tips to have an outstanding application?

A: To distinguish your application from many other high-quality competitors, the applicants must explain the top policy challenges or questions they are working on, show how they have played a leadership role in policy development and implementation, particularly in projects at the nexus of agricultural development, food systems, and gender equality and articulate what policy idea they will work on under the policy innovation projects.

The Gender Responsive Agriculture Systems Policy (GRASP) Fellowship is a career development program growing a pool of confident, capable African women to lead the design and implementation of gender-responsive policies in Africa. Funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Fellowship is implemented by African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD)