

ANNOUNCEMENT AND APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Richard Bradfield Research Award

Application Deadline: 3 April 2017

Award Announcement: by mid-May 2017

The Richard Bradfield Research Award is made annually to support research intended to **improve the food security of smallholder farmers (i.e., resource poor farmers) and their families in the developing world**. All geographic areas of the developing world and all disciplines in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences are eligible, **as long as the proposed research is expected to provide economic or food security benefits for small farmers**. Research designed to improve genetic capacity of plants or animals, soil inputs, pest controls, mechanization, social organization, and the like is appropriate, however **options developed should be realistically achievable given small farmers' key constraints** (e.g., current supplies of land, labor, credit). Research outcomes or impacts should be "scale-specific" to favor small farmers. "Small" is a relative term, and applicants should explain how their target group of farmers can be considered "small farmers" in the geography where their work will take place.

Awards are made to Ph.D., M.S., or M.P.S. candidates in CALS **for overseas field work expenses** associated with their research. Proposals should be for the actual research rather than for planning or proposal preparation. Ph.D. degree candidates are given priority. Awards of \$1,000 to \$5,000 will be considered.

Application Guidelines:

Applications for the Richard Bradfield Research Award should be submitted electronically to Margaret Smith (mes25@cornell.edu) no later than Monday 3 April 2017. Applications should consist of the following sections (numbered and in the following order) and should not exceed three pages in length (single spaced, 12-point font, and reasonable margins).

1. Title of proposed research project.
2. Applicant's name, department, campus address, telephone number, and degree sought (Ph.D., M.S., M.P.S.); major advisor's name.
3. Brief project description, including research objectives, methods, expected outcomes, collaborators, and research and publication time frames. (Keep literature references to a minimum, if included.)
4. Statement explaining how and in what ways the proposed research favors small farmers, including the basis for classifying the target group as small farmers.
5. Budget request, including an explanation of the specific use proposed for the Bradfield award funds. Indicate also the source and amount of other funds that are available to complete the proposed project.

In addition, a **brief letter of recommendation** from the applicant's major advisor must be submitted electronically to Margaret Smith (mes25@cornell.edu) by Monday 3 April 2017.

Applicants will be notified of award decisions via e-mail by mid-May 2017.