

Call for Fellowships in low-emissions agriculture projects

Application Requirements

Applicants must complete the Carbon Sequestration Fellowship application in two steps:

Step 1: Fill out the online application form

Step 2: Submit the required documentation, combined into a single PDF file, to CarbonSequestrationFellowship@cgiar.org

All applications must be submitted in English; applications in any other language will not be accepted.

Required documentation:

- 1-page motivation letter (described below)
- 1-page academic curriculum vitae (CV / Resume) including contact details.
- Letter of support from your MSc or PhD supervisor at your current host university

Deadline for expressions of interest: **15 December 2025** (midnight, Colombian Time)

Motivation Letter

Your motivation letter should be no more than two pages and must include the following:

1. Provide your name, nationality, university, and the country where you are pursuing your MSc or PhD.
2. State the objectives of your graduate research.
3. Identify the specific research opportunity for which you are applying, including one objective and two sub-areas of interest.
4. Highlight your qualifications and experience related to researching greenhouse gas emissions and/or soil carbon storage in agricultural systems, ensuring their relevance to the selected research opportunity.
5. Describe how the scientific training received through the Carbon Sequestration Fellowship will enhance your graduate research and support your future career development.

Selection process

Successful applicants will demonstrate the relevance of the MSc and Ph.D. research for which they apply. Successful applicants will be matched with a project and notified by email by **February 24, 2025**.

Applicants will be selected based on four criteria:

- The overall level of research experience.
- Relevance of MSc and Ph.D. thesis topic or other research experience to the Carbon Sequestration Fellowship objective.
- A clear description of how the Carbon Sequestration Fellowship experience would improve the student's scientific capability and career.
- English interview discussing the chosen objectives for the Fellowship

Eligibility

- The fellowship is open to applicants worldwide; however, priority will be given to citizens of African and Latin American countries who are pursuing an MSc or PhD degree at a university.

Related Opportunities

The students may organize a seminar and other activities in the lab or field depending on their objectives and responsibilities. These opportunities will provide professional experience and serve as networking and communication platforms for the fellowship Program to share research and experiences and their experiences with each other.

Terms and conditions of the internship:

- Information about the Carbon Sequestration Project is available at carbonsequestration.co

More information

<https://carbonsequestration.co/>

- Related publications and details on each research area can be found at: <https://carbonsequestration.co/areas/>.
- A meeting will be held at the end of the internship to gather interns' feedback and perceptions of the program.
- Interns are responsible for arranging their own accommodation in Cali or Palmira.
- Proficiency in spoken and written English is required
- All fellows must participate in the induction program, which includes:
 - An introduction to the Alliance Bioversity and CIAT.
 - An overview of the Carbon Sequestration Project.
 - Meetings with project leaders, teams, and other fellows.
- A three-minute presentation by each intern on their thesis and research objectives within the Carbon Sequestration areas.
- Participation in the Alliance Bioversity and CIAT tour is mandatory, to familiarize interns with the facilities and campus environment.