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TO: Chairs, Associate Chairs, Program Heads, School Directors and  
Graduate Studies Committee Chairs

FROM: Steven A. Slack, Director

SUBJECT: **2012 International Graduate Research Associateship Program**

**Important Reminder:**

Although applications can be submitted for both the FAES Environmental Fellowship and the OARDC Associateship programs, students will be only permitted one award from one of the programs. In addition, applications for all OARDC awards is limited to 2 applicants per competition for any department or program (Director's, Minority and International awards). Please Note: this limit does not apply to the Environmental Fellowship Program.

This memorandum announces the continuation of the 2012 Competition for the OARDC "International Graduate Research Associateship" program. A total of one award will be available and each department may submit as many nominations as are eligible according to the guidelines, however, the department must prioritize the submitted nomination list. Nominees must be U.S. citizen.

The sum of \$18,000/year for M.S. candidates and \$20,000/year for Ph.D. candidates will be made available. The OARDC will provide one-year funding for all awards, including any applicable tuition and fees. Funds to support awards will be available on July 1, 2012.

**We are requesting that prospective faculty advisors submit a letter of support indicating how the associateship's research will support one or more of the College priority areas. From among applicants to the Director's Associateship (six Associateships), Minority Associateships (two Associateships), and the International Associateship (one Associateship) Programs, I am asking that the OARDC Director's Associateship Committee select at least two associateships from each of the four areas of the FAES ecological pyramid (Social**

**Responsibility, Economic Viability, Production Efficiency and Environmental Compatibility).**

Please circulate this memorandum to members of your faculty having OARDC appointments who would have potential applicants. Also, please coordinate with your graduate studies committee or other appropriate group to submit eligible nominations being sure to prioritize the submitted nomination list. The Director's Associateship Committee will review the candidates and select the recipient.

Please Note: If an OSU Fellowship is received, the OARDC Associateship can be deferred until the following year. If a department award is received, the OARDC Associateship should be used first and the department award deferred until the following year.

Deadline for receipt of nominations will be by **5 p.m., Tuesday, February 21, 2012**. Send seven copies of each nomination to the OARDC Director's Office at either the Wooster or Columbus campus, attention Steve Slack.

C: Director's Associateship Committee

**The Ohio State University**  
Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center

International Graduate Research Associateship

**Purpose:** The OARDC International Research Associateship is intended for domestic students who plan to conduct their thesis or dissertation research abroad. Students will be co-advised by an OSU faculty member as well as an eligible scientist from the host country. Eligibility of non-OSU scientists to serve as a co-advisor will be determined by the graduate committee of the student's home department. This program is intended to promote scientific exchange between OSU and the international research community. The student's research should support one or more of the four areas of the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences ecological pyramid (Social Responsibility, Economic Viability, Production Efficiency and Environmental Compatibility). One Associateship will be awarded annually.

**Stipend:** \$18,000 for one-year for M.S. candidates, \$20,000 for one-year for Ph.D. candidates, including any applicable tuition and fees. Awardees must carry a minimum of 15 graduate credit hours per quarter and may not hold other appointments during the award period. Associateship recipients cannot be required to perform services in return for receiving a stipend.

**Eligibility:** Awards are open to students starting an M.S. or Ph.D. program at The Ohio State University. Students currently enrolled in graduate programs at OSU or those enrolled in classes working toward graduate program requirements are not eligible. Candidates must be U.S. citizens.

**Application Requirements:**

1. Nomination Cover Page.
2. University transcript(s). A GPA of 3.6 or higher on a scale of 4 is desirable.
3. A Graduate Record Examination is required. A 75<sup>th</sup> percentile average on the GRE general exam's Verbal and Quantitative components, and a 4.0 on the GRE Analytical Writing component are desirable.
4. Three letters of recommendation.
5. A one or two-page statement (typed, single spaced) from the student describing his/her research and professional goals and research accomplishments to date, as well as interest in participating in international agricultural research.
6. A curriculum vitae outlining the applicant's educational training, relevant work experiences, honors, and other evidence of scholarly productivity and performance (e.g. publications) is recommended.

7. Letter from prospective faculty advisor on how student associateship research will contribute to one or more of the priority areas listed below.
8. OSU Graduate Admission Form.

**Nomination and Evaluation Procedures:** Graduate Studies Committee from departments (or schools) should nominate students by submitting seven copies of each nomination package to the OARDC Director's Office at either Columbus or Wooster campus, attention Steve Slack, on or before **5 p.m., Tuesday, February 21, 2012**. Departments may submit as many nominations as are eligible according to the guidelines, however, the department must prioritize the submitted nomination list. The prospective faculty advisor should hold an OARDC appointment and should be specified in the letter of nomination. Also, the prospective faculty advisor should indicate how the student's research will contribute to one or more of the following priority areas:

1. Social Responsibility
2. Production Efficiency
3. Economic Viability
4. Environmental Compatibility

Nominations will be evaluated by the Director's Associateship Committee. The target date for final announcement of the awards is approximately **March 26, 2012**.

**Nomination Cover Page**  
**OARDC International Graduate Research Associateship Program**

Nominating Department or School: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ M.S. \_\_\_\_\_ Ph.D.

Is the nominee a U.S. citizen? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Probable OARDC Faculty Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Checklist:** This application contains the following, including this cover page

- \_\_\_\_\_ College transcripts, OSU and previous institution(s)
- \_\_\_\_\_ GRE scores
- \_\_\_\_\_ Three letters of recommendation
- \_\_\_\_\_ One or two-page statement by the student describing his/her research and professional goals and research accomplishments to date
- \_\_\_\_\_ Letter from prospective faculty advisor on how student associateship research will contribute to one or more of the College priority areas.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A curriculum vitae for the applicant
- \_\_\_\_\_ OSU Graduate Admission Form