



Global Research & Innovation Fellowship Network (GRIFN)

Office of Science and Technology

Overview

USAID's Global Research & Innovation Fellowship Network (GRIFN) offers a unique opportunity to bring together the brightest minds in the critical fields of science, technology, and innovation (STI) to address complex development challenges. Through a partnership with the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) and drawing upon the resources of USAID's existing network of programs, GRIFN will place promising talent from institutions around the United States with hosts in developing countries to help tackle the biggest development issues and engage in cutting-edge research and innovation. By building opportunities with in-country hosts through universities, non-governmental organizations, research institutions, government agencies, and private sector corporations, GRIFN will help create relationships between new international partners, catalyze learning, and foster the positive exchange of information and experiences.

Inaugural Fellowship Sites

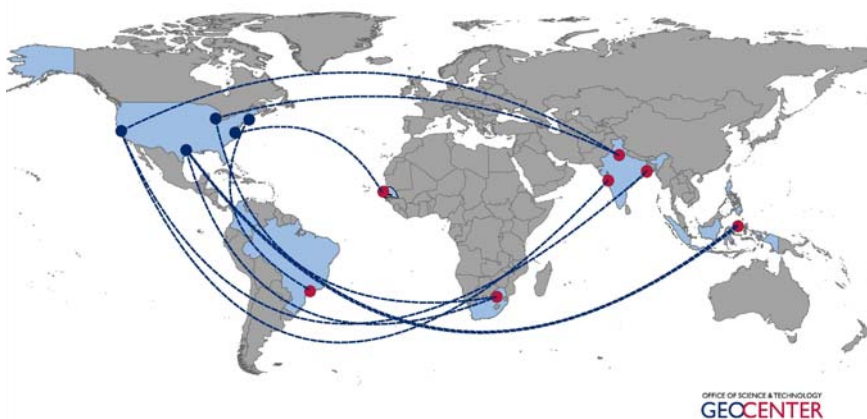
Brazil Colombia India Indonesia Philippines Senegal South Africa

Where GRIFN comes from: GRIFN is a natural outgrowth from a highly successful \$135 million, 5-year USAID program that includes U.S. and international universities and has already placed more than 100 students overseas.

Where GRIFN is: By 2014, USAID will support several hundred GRIFN Fellows working across multiple fields in seven developing countries. GRIFN Fellows will be selected from those already participating in existing NSF graduate and undergraduate programs, which include thousands of students at hundreds of U.S. universities each year.

Where GRIFN is going: As GRIFN grows in subsequent years, the network will broaden to include additional public and private sector partnerships, as well as additional countries, allowing for increased fellowship and hosting opportunities.

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GRIFN will provide Fellows and hosts with a once-in-a-lifetime chance for collaboration, to merge global perspectives and tangibly impact development challenges. Both the U.S. and host countries will reap invaluable rewards as centers of emerging knowledge, setting the standard of best practices for international development and collaboration.