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15 أكتوبر 2019:

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**Scientific Exchanges Fellowship Program**

**Project - FX19BF-10777R026**

Institution: University of Nebraska-Lincoln, UNL

**Call for Applications:**

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*The application deadline is October 15, 2019.*

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- Provide practical experience and exposure to new perspectives and/or technologies that can be applied in their home institutions.
- Foster increased collaboration and networking to improve agricultural productivity and trade.
- Facilitate the transfer of new scientific and agricultural technologies to strengthen agricultural practices.
- Address obstacles to the adoption of technology such as ineffectual policies and regulations.

**Eligible Countries:** Kenya, Morocco, Tanzania, and Tunisia

**Targeted Research Areas:**

1. Agricultural Economics
  - Develop a research project consistent with the training program on SPS and TBT policies and their economic impact on international trade and welfare
  - Applied trade policy analysis with a strong focus on so-called non-tariff measures (policies other than taxes at the border)
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2. Plant Pathology
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### *Eligibility*

To be considered for the Scientific Exchanges Fellowship Program, candidates must:

- Be citizens of an eligible country (Kenya, Morocco, Tanzania, or Tunisia)
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- Not have participated in the Borlaug Fellowship program

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Tentative dates for the program: *March 28 – June 20, 2020*



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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tunisia and has the honor to request the Ministry's assistance to transmit the attached call for applications to the following recipients:

- Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries;
- Ministry of Trade;
- Ministry of Public Health; and
- Ministry of Local Affairs and Environment.

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The Scientific Exchanges Fellowship Program applicants must apply via the online application system (<https://AfricaSPS/TBT/UNL>) no later than October 15, 2019.

The Embassy's point of contact is Nabil Maouia, who can be reached by e-mail at [AgTunis@fas.usda.gov](mailto:AgTunis@fas.usda.gov).

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Enclosure:

- The USDA Scientific Exchanges Fellowship Program Call for Applications.

Embassy of the United States of America,  
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