IRRI-University of Illinois PhD Fellowships

The University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) provides opportunities for students to earn a PhD degree in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) through a collaborative program with IRRI. The program offers a multi-year fellowship grant where students will spend the first four to five semesters at UIUC to complete required coursework, develop and defend a research proposal, and pass a preliminary examination prior to returning to IRRI or to various locations in Southeast Asia where they will conduct dissertation research involving projects associated with the improvement and sustainability of rice production systems. In their final semester, students will return to UIUC to complete and defend dissertations and all requirements for the PhD degree.

For more information please visit: aces.illinois.edu; cropsci.illinois.edu (Department of Crop Sciences) and plantbreeding.illinois.edu (Illinois Plant Breeding Center)
The College of ACES at the University of Illinois is a world-renowned school of agriculture dedicated to finding solutions to the world’s most critical challenges through the creation of abundant food and energy, a healthy environment, and successful families and communities.

**Areas for study and research within Department of Crop Sciences**

- plant breeding and genetics
- crop genomics and bioinformatics
- crop protection (plant pathology, nematology, entomology, and weed science)
- agronomy
- agroecology
- biometry, and
- crop modeling

Housed within Crop Sciences is the Illinois Plant Breeding Center, which has become one of the premier institutions in the U.S. for supplying skilled and innovative plant breeders to the global job marketplace and the national model for education and research in this field. The College of ACES also conducts research and trains students in food science and human nutrition, water use efficiency and modeling, global climate change and mitigation, genomic biology, post-harvest loss prevention, and many other relevant disciplines. The College of ACES also includes the Departments of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, Agricultural and Consumer Economics, Animal Sciences, Human and Community Development, and Natural Resources and Environmental Science.