

SCHOLARS And YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

Creating Future Generation Of Scientists

Ensuring food security is a challenge that requires innovative rice science and policy capacity, coupled with a highly competent professional extension capacity across both the public and the private sectors. Critical to meeting this challenge is a young generation of motivated scientists, researchers, and skilled farmers. However, there is a steady decline of well trained professionals in rice-based agri-food system research and agriculture, to ensure food and nutritional security, improve the environment, social equity, and prosperity, mitigate climate change and address sustainability around the world.



In the last 60 years, IRRI's Scholar Program has engaged 4,900 MS and PhD students and fellows, many of which have gone on to become leading scientists in their respective fields.



In partnership with universities, IRRI, through its Scholars and Youth Engagement Program, hosts undergraduate and graduate students where they can engage in their PhD and MS studies and be supervised by leading scientists in their field and work in a world-class scientific environment. The program provides unique training opportunities that span basic and applied science. It also provides initiatives that develop the students' hard and soft skills, giving them a holistic learning experience that boosts their competitiveness in their chosen fields.

IRRI's Scholars and Youth Engagement Program

Degree Programs

BS, MS, and PhD research scholarship

Scholars come to IRRI from the public or private sector, from developing and developed countries, from IRRI research projects, and from independent scholarship programs.

All scholars are registered with a university for the award of their degree either in their own country, in the Philippines, or in a third country.



Non-Degree Programs Fellowships and On-the-Job Training

Rice scientists from the public or private sector, developing and developed countries, and IRRI research projects come to IRRI to upgrade their research skills and knowledge on rice-related topics.

Internships

This program aims to provide a learning or "exposure-to-work" environment for MS, PhD, college and high school students (who are junior or senior year) and for those who want to receive practical training in their fields of specialization. It also provides them an opportunity to build professional networks.



IRRI Scholars

Country wise distribution

Number of Scholars

