Pears Seed-Grant Program to Promote Agricultural & Nutrition Projects

As an academic institution, we encourage our alumni to engage in research activities. Some of you may already be engaged in research projects that are funded by national or international funding agencies. Others may be interested in initiating studies but require initial funding. With the generous funding support of the Pears Foundation we are establishing a seed-money granting mechanism for preliminary development of research/community projects.

The goal of this proposed Pears Seed-Grant Program is to stimulate scholarly initiative by encouraging alumni to explore new directions in agricultural and nutrition related subjects, practice-related research or training-related research. This research should contribute to the development and/or evaluation of programs aimed at addressing challenges on an academic, national or local level, and will hopefully generate findings that could serve as the basis for submission of funding proposals to external funding agencies. Collaboration among program alumni is encouraged.

All Alumni of the MSc programs are invited to submit proposals for new research/community projects (of 12-18 months duration). Proposals will be subject to competitive review by a committee that will rank the proposals on anticipated contribution to the community and feasibility.

Alumni whose proposals are evaluated favorably will be awarded a grant in the amount of up to US$5,000.

Proposal Submission Guidelines

The proposal should not exceed 5 double-spaced A4 pages (12 font text), and must include the following sections:

- Background and "case for action"
- Clear and specific study objectives and future sustainability
- Operational background
- Anticipated contribution of the findings/project to the challenges of your community
- List collaborators or collaborating institutions/organizations
- Estimated timeline
- Budget including rationale
- **Curriculum vitae** of individuals or profiles of organizations involved in the project

Proposal submission deadline: January 01, 2023

Notification of Seed-Grant award: March 01, 2023

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