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Food Systems for Nutrition Innovation Lab (FSN-IL): Training and Travel Fellowship Information Session

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FOOD SYSTEMS FOR NUTRITION INNOVATION LAB

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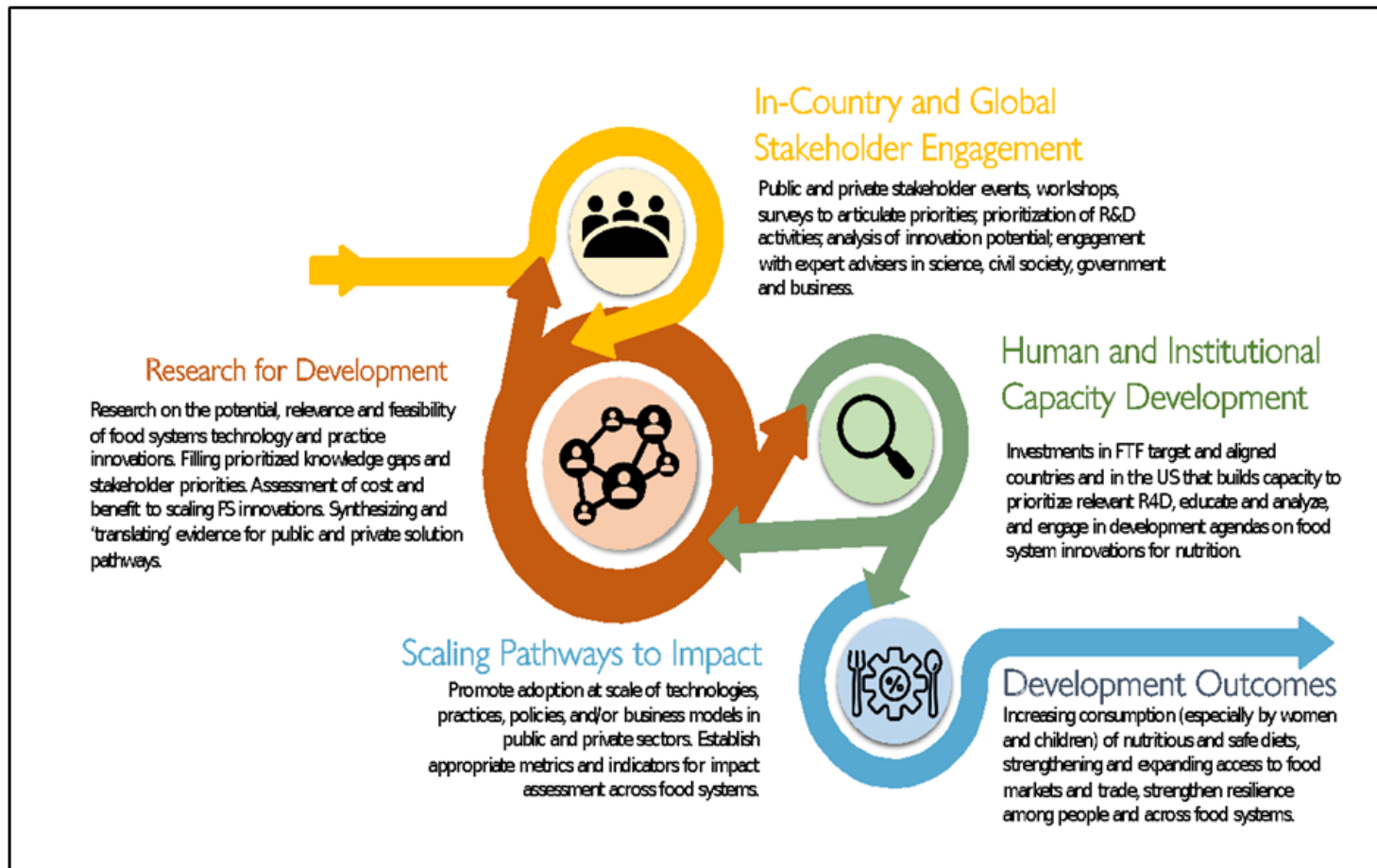
FSN-IL aims to support improved diet quality, nutrition and resilience by transforming food systems.



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FSN-IL STRATEGY



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FELLOWSHIPS OVERVIEW

Training Fellowship

- Support to attend an in-person or online training

Travel Fellowship

- Support to attend a conference or internship

TRAINING FELLOWSHIP: AWARD DETAILS

Support emerging scholars and students from Bangladesh, Malawi, Mozambique, Nepal, as well as students from Minority Serving Institutions with the costs of attending training and/or short courses (online or in-person) focused on technical issues relevant to food loss and waste, food safety, and enhanced access to nutrient-rich foods. Examples:

- Agriculture, Nutrition and Health Academy online Learning Labs
- Feeding Cities: Improving Food Systems in Urban Areas
- Sustainable Food Systems Graduate Certificate at Harvard Extension School

TRAINING FELLOWSHIP: AWARD DETAILS (CONT.)

Trainings must address **one** of the lab's focus areas in the four focus countries:

1. Prevention of food loss and waste (FLW)
2. Enhancing food safety
3. Improving availability of, and access to, nutrient-dense foods
4. Metrics for monitoring food systems impacts on nutrition

TRAINING FELLOWSHIP: AWARD DETAILS (CONT.)

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Example: An application for a training on FLW in U.S. would **NOT** be considered eligible.

Example: A training on how to develop or validate instruments that measure how market availability and cost of fruits and vegetables predict diet diversity and health.

TRAINING FELLOWSHIP: AWARD DETAILS (CONT.)

Priority will be given to applicants who can also demonstrate that their training will consider the following cross-cutting themes:

1. New or validation of existing metrics on food systems for nutrition
2. Support for improvements in the nutritional status of vulnerable populations, with a specific emphasis on gender and youth

TRAINING FELLOWSHIP: AWARD DETAILS (CONT.)

Expenses eligible for reimbursement up to \$5,000 USD:

	Online Training	In-Person Training
Tuition and fees	X	X
Maximum per diem rate as indicated by U.S. Department of State guidelines		X
Economy airfare Travel must be booked through Tufts' Travel Collaborative to be compliant with the Fly America Act, as required by USAID.		X
Lodging Students must book standard accommodation in reasonably priced, commercial class hotels and motels.		X

TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP: AWARD DETAILS

Support emerging scholars and students from Bangladesh, Malawi, Mozambique, Nepal, and students from MSIs with the costs of travel and other expenses associated with attending conferences or undertaking internships focused on issues relevant to food loss and waste, food safety, and access to nutrient-rich foods. Examples:

- Delivering for Nutrition in South Asia: Equity and Inclusion (Kathmandu, Nepal)
- Africa Future Food Summit (Nairobi, Kenya)

TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP: AWARD DETAILS (CONT.)

Expenses eligible for reimbursement up to \$3,000 USD:

- Conference registration fees
- Food, beverage, and incidentals in accordance with U.S. Department of State guidelines
- Economy airfare
- Standard accommodation in reasonably priced, commercial class hotels and motels

TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP: AWARD DETAILS (CONT.)

Activities must focus on one or more of FSN-IL's technical areas in the four focus countries:

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

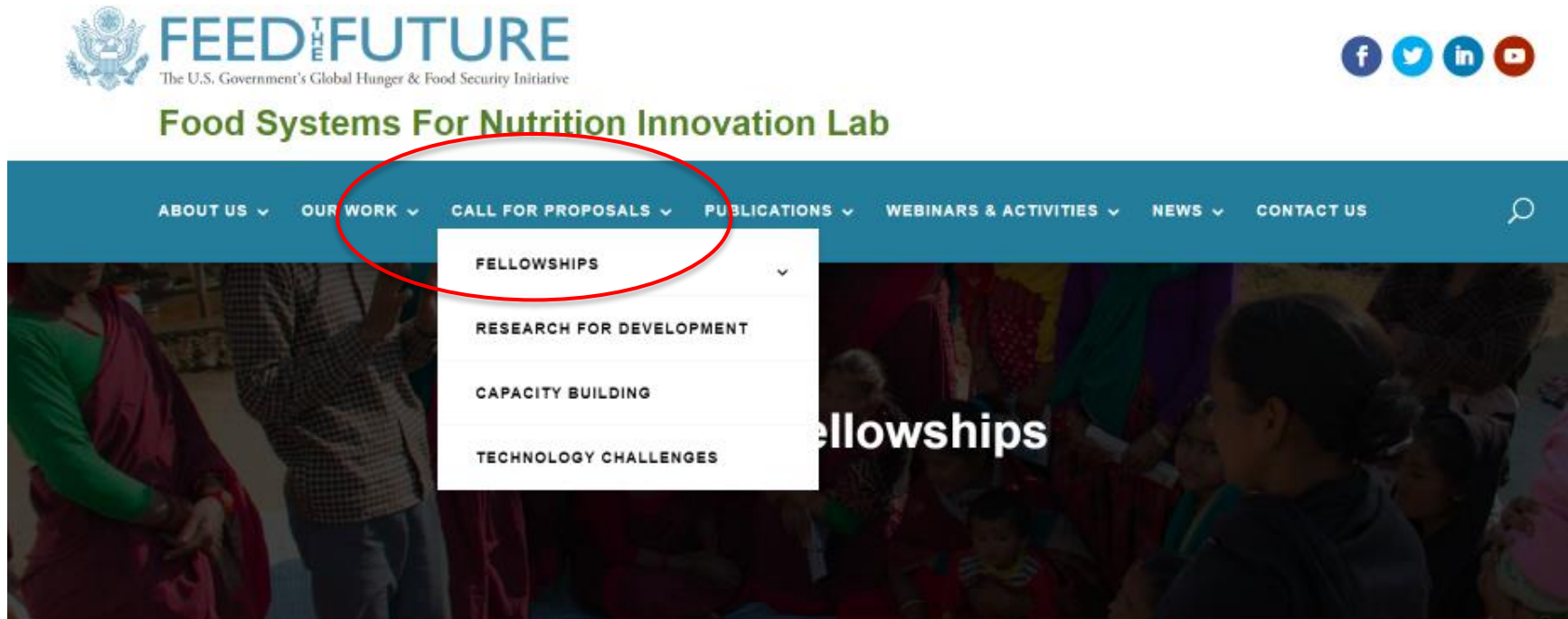
- All applicants must either be a **student** (undergraduate, graduate, PhD, post-doc) enrolled in a food systems or health and nutrition program at:
 - An accredited university in Bangladesh, Malawi, Mozambique, or Nepal
 - A Minority Serving Institution (MSIs) as designated by USG
- OR an **employed emerging scholar** working in food systems or health and nutrition in Bangladesh, Malawi, Mozambique, or Nepal.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Step 1: Download relevant documents
- Step 2: Create an account in Piestar
- Step 3: Submit your electronic application

STEP 1: DOWNLOAD DOCUMENTS

Go to our website and navigate to the fellowships on the home screen banner



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Click on the fellowship application you are applying for



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Feed the Future website. The 'CALL FOR PROPOSALS' menu is open, displaying a list of options: 'FELLOWSHIPS', 'RESEARCH FOR DEVELOPMENT', 'CAPACITY BUILDING', and 'TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGES'. A sub-menu is visible under 'FELLOWSHIPS', with 'Training Fellowships' highlighted and circled in red. Other menu items include 'ABOUT US', 'OUR WORK', 'PUBLICATIONS', 'NEWS', and 'CONTACT US'. The background features a photograph of people in a community setting.

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The deadline to apply is March 30th, 2024



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ABOUT THE FSN-IL TRAINING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Opportunity Overview

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Award Details

- Training fellowships will support expenses associated with enrolling in an online or in-person educational program offered by local or international institutions targeting food systems in low- or middle-income countries (LMIC).
 - Examples of trainings eligible for reimbursement include but are not limited to the [Global Food Security Certificate](#) or the [Sustainable Food Systems Graduate Certificate](#).
- Training fellowships may be used to help cover tuition and fees and related expenses if the activity is in-person. Expenses eligible for reimbursement are demarcated by an "X" in the following table:

	Online Training	In-Person Training
Tuition and fees	X	X
Maximum per diem rate as indicated by U.S. Department of State guidelines		X

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You will need to fill out this document to complete your application

FSN-IL Training Fellowship Template

Please fill out the following template to complete your application for an FSN-IL training fellowship. Our application portal, [Pjestar](#), will prompt you to upload this document.

Institution Information	
Employer (write in N/A if you are a student):	
Job title (write in N/A if you are a student):	
Academic institution currently enrolled (write in N/A if you are employed):	
Institution address:	
Additional Information	
Funding amount requested:	
Training Title:	
Date(s) of travel:	
Duration (in days):	

Academic Objectives

Using plain language, please summarize the significance of this course to the topic of food systems, one or more of the FSN-IL technical areas, and the expected academic outcomes (maximum 500 words).

Professional Objectives

What are your professional goals and how might this opportunity enable you to achieve them (maximum 500 words)?

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Select “Click Here to Apply”

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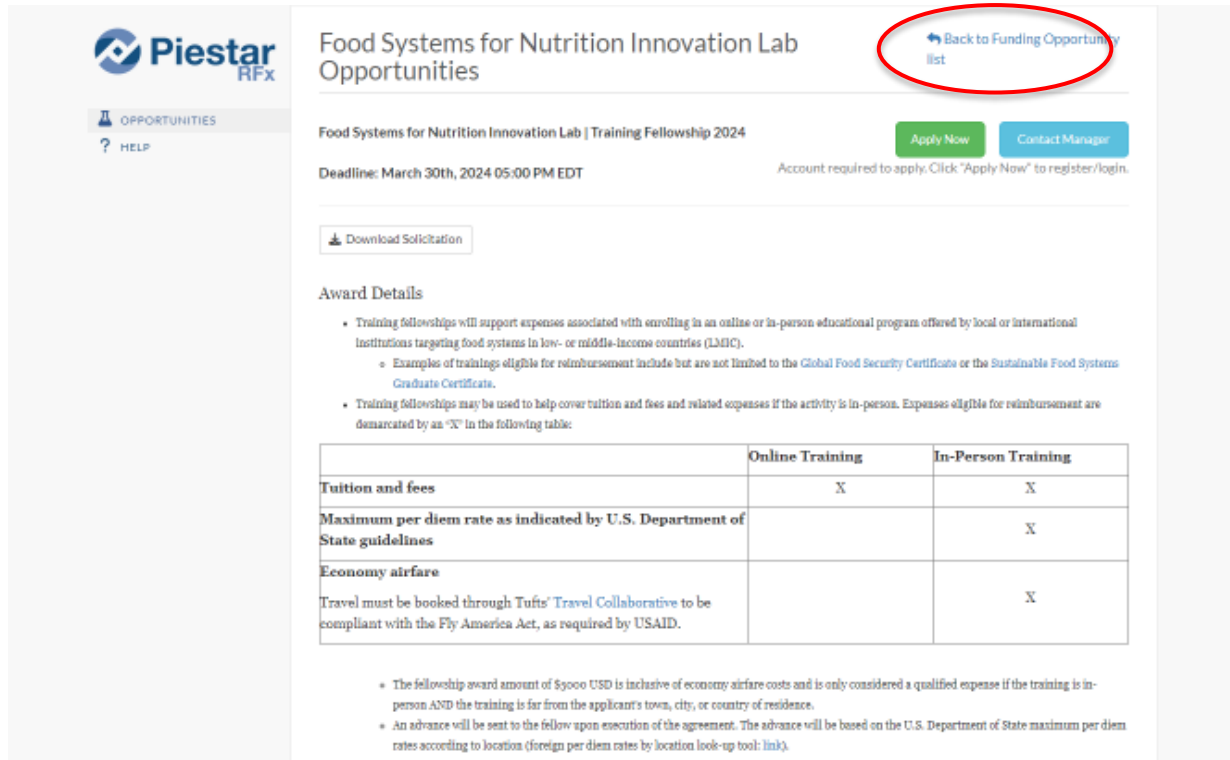
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The banner features the Feed the Future logo at the top left. The main text reads "Apply Today for a Travel or Training Fellowship" in white on a green background. Below this, it says "Opportunity provided by the Food Systems for Nutrition Innovation Lab" in white on a blue background. Two QR codes are positioned on either side of the text, each with the instruction "Scan to Apply for Travel Fellowship" and "Scan to Apply for Training Fellowship" respectively.

STEP 2: CREATE PIESTAR ACCOUNT

Click “Apply Now” on the top right.



The screenshot shows the Piestar RFX website interface. The main heading is 'Food Systems for Nutrition Innovation Lab Opportunities'. A red circle highlights the 'Back to Funding Opportunity list' link in the top right corner. Below the heading, there is a 'Food Systems for Nutrition Innovation Lab | Training Fellowship 2024' section with an 'Apply Now' button and a 'Contact Manager' button. The deadline is 'March 30th, 2024 05:00 PM EDT'. A 'Download Solicitation' button is also visible. The 'Award Details' section includes a list of bullet points and a table with columns for 'Online Training' and 'In-Person Training'.

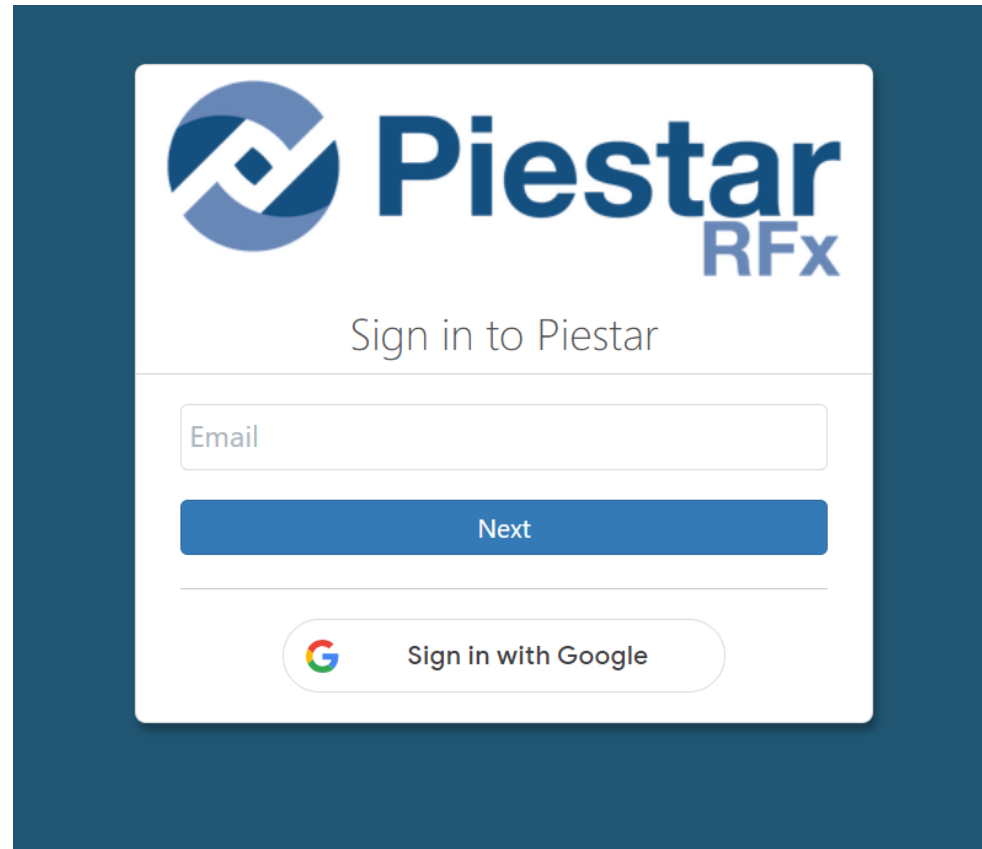
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Economy airfare		X

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- The fellowship award amount of \$9000 USD is inclusive of economy airfare costs and is only considered a qualified expense if the training is in-person AND the training is far from the applicant's town, city, or country of residence.
- An advance will be sent to the fellow upon execution of the agreement. The advance will be based on the U.S. Department of State maximum per diem rates according to location (foreign per diem rates by location look-up tool: [link](#)).


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You will be prompted to create a user ID and password in Piestar.



The screenshot shows the Piestar RFX sign-in interface. At the top left is the Piestar logo, a blue circle with a white geometric shape inside. To its right is the text "Piestar" in a large, bold, blue font, with "RFX" in a smaller, blue font below it. Below the logo and text is the instruction "Sign in to Piestar". Underneath is a white input field with the placeholder text "Email". Below the input field is a blue button with the text "Next". At the bottom of the form is a "Sign in with Google" button, which features the Google logo (a colorful 'G') and the text "Sign in with Google".

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Account Settings

Welcome to ! Please fill out your name to continue.

Name

Phone Number

Institution

 Update Account Settings

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RFP 114 draft [Back to Submission list](#)

RFP Submission [Open solicitation in new tab](#)

Complete the form below to submit your submission to: *Food Systems for Nutrition Innovation Lab | Training Fellowship 2024*. You may save a draft at any time but must complete all fields and click *Submit* before March 30, 2024 at 5:00 pm EDT in order to be considered for funding.

Training Title

Applicant Information

First name

Last name

Email

Degree

Phone

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Upload Training Fellowship Template (the Word document with your answers to the prompts)

File Uploads

FSN-IL Training Fellowship Application	<input type="text"/>	Browse...
	Please upload the FSN-IL Training Fellowship Application (Word).	
Letter of recommendation	<input type="text"/>	Browse...
	Please upload a letter of recommendation (PDF) from either an academic advisor or work supervisor who can speak to your expertise in food systems and nutrition and articulate how this opportunity aligns with your skills, knowledge, and career goals.	
CV/resume	<input type="text"/>	Browse...
	Please upload your CV as a PDF (max 2 pages).	
Verification	<input type="text"/>	Browse...
	Please upload proof of employment in a relevant field, enrollment in a health and nutrition or food systems program at an accredited university in Bangladesh, Malawi, Mozambique, or Nepal, or enrollment in a food systems or health and nutrition program at an MSI (Word).	
Course Syllabus	<input type="text"/>	Browse...
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Upload verification of your status as a student or emerging scholar in the field of food systems

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Upload proof of Training Fellowship Activity: course syllabus or official letter with a letter head

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- Proof of activity (training syllabus, conference registration receipt, or internship letter of acceptance)
- FSN-IL Fellowship template downloaded from the website, completed, and submitted with the electronic application.
- Electronic application

POST- FELLOWSHIP DELIVERABLES

Upon completion of the funded activity, applicants will submit a 750-word report summarizing:

- Key takeaways
- Lessons learned
- How the experience has contributed to achieving your professional goals

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Fellows will be invited to participate in additional engagements like policy and academic seminars, webinars, and scientific symposia hosted by the FSN-IL team.



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TIMELINE

- Deadline for application submission: March 30, 2024
- Selected Fellows can be expected to be notified by: April 30, 2024
- Final date to expend funds: December 31, 2024



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Q&A



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