

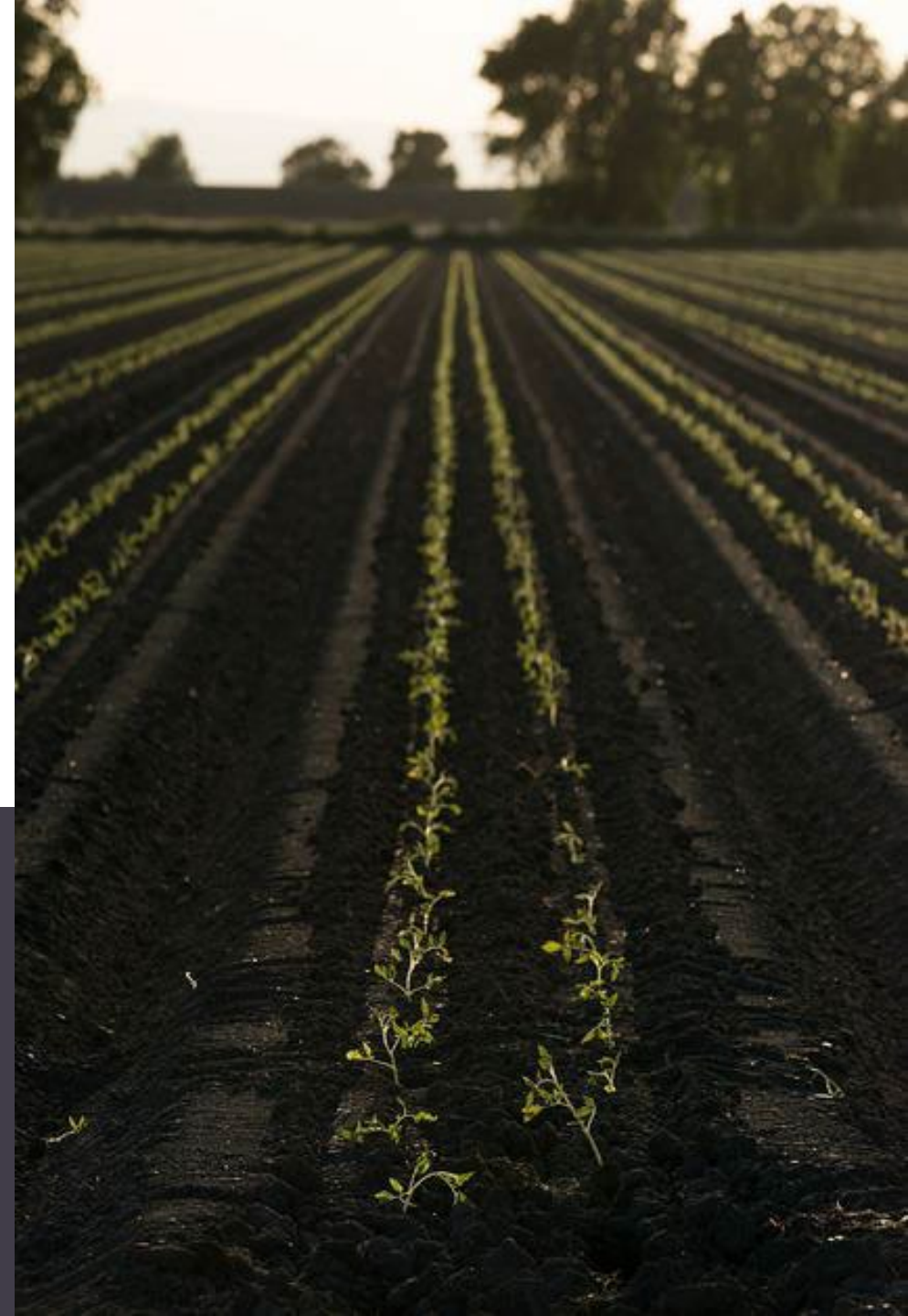
HBCU Making and Innovation Showcase:

Internships, Fellowships and Career Opportunities

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Introduction to the Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR)

DR. LAKISHA ODOM, FFAR

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ABOUT FFAR

- Independent 501(c)(3) organization created in the 2014 Farm Bill to increase public agriculture research investments, fill knowledge gaps and complement USDA's research agenda
- \$368M Funding awarded or in the pipeline
- Over 550 distinct funding partners



Next Generation
Crops



Urban Food
Systems



Advanced
Animal Systems



Health Agriculture
Nexus



Sustainable Water
Management



Soil Health

How We Work



Private-Public Partnerships

We build unique partnerships to support innovative science addressing today's food and agriculture challenges.

1:1.4 Matching Ratio

FFAR Investment + Non-Federal Match

“FFAR also brings together **diverse groups** that might not otherwise collaborate to **solve big challenges** ...the FFAR model delivers - and **doubles the taxpayer's investment**”

-Bob Stallman

*Past President, American Farm Bureau Federation
Former FFAR Board Member*



Opportunities with FFAR

FFAR Fellows

Portal Opens in December 2022
to apply for the 2023–2026 cohort

- Provides professional development and career guidance to the next generation of food and agriculture scientists.
- Cohorts of 15-25 Fellows meet together for three years as they continue through their graduate program.
- 80 fellows from 25 institutions across the U.S. and Canada have participated in four cohorts to date.



FFAR Fellows

Future Leaders for Food & Agriculture



The 2021-2024 Rocky FFAR Fellows

FFAR Vet Fellows

Application period opens
Spring 2023

- Stipend support of \$10,000 per student is provided for up to 15 students per year to perform research with a qualified mentor and to attend the Veterinary Scholars Symposium.
- Open to students currently enrolled in a DVM or VMD degree programs, including combined degree programs.
- 3-month summer fellowship partnered with the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC)
- Prior research experience is not necessary to apply.
- No matching funds are required.
- Research Topics include:
 - Agricultural economics
 - Nutritional security and food access
 - Environmental sustainability of agriculture
 - Advanced technologies
 - Zoonotic diseases and pandemic prevention
 - Antimicrobial stewardship



Tribal Agriculture Fellowship

Application period opens
Late 2022

About the Fellowship

- Codeveloped between NAAF and FFAR
- Eligible Students: Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian students pursuing technical, undergraduate, and graduate degrees in agriculture
- Comprehensive approach to support student success
 - Financial stipend attached to the student to allow for transfers and pauses in academic journey
 - Program support provided to the student throughout fellowship through faculty champions/institution mentors
 - Up to four years of fellowship status
 - Encouraged to continue participation in roles and obligations of tribe and community



Tribal Agriculture Fellowship
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Kirchner HBCU Fellows

Application period opens
Spring 2023

About the Fellowship

A year-long training program where fellows will be “impact venture capitalists”, deciding on an investment in an early-stage company with a mission to address food security. Fellows will have full discretion over \$50,000 of investment capital.

2022-2023 Fellows



Taylor Weekes



Ayodeji Akande



Devotha Mwazembe



See recording of recent Fireside Chat with the Inaugural cohort here: <https://bit.ly/3RUY0Y3>



Opportunities for Engagement

- Check out FFAR's Open Opportunities webpage featuring upcoming fellowships
- Read FFAR's Insights Blog featuring students and researchers
- Follow FFAR on Social Media (LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook)
- Reach out to a Scientific Program Director
- Sign up for FFAR's newsletter to stay up-to-date

Thank You

How to Reach FFAR

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Connect with FFAR

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