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## **Cornell Alliance for Science launches Global Ag Journalism Fellowship**

*Seoul, South Korea:* The Cornell Alliance for Science is launching a global fellowship program to support journalism in agriculture. The program was announced during a session jointly sponsored by the Alliance for Science and SciDev.Net that explores the role of journalists in promoting technology choice for farmers at the 9<sup>th</sup> Conference of the World Federation of Science Journalists in Seoul, South Korea on June 10, 2015.

“We want to support independent journalists who are doing in-depth reporting on important topics in agriculture related to food security and innovative agricultural practices,” said Sarah Evanega, director of the Alliance for Science. “We want to hear about scientists who are engaged with end users in developing new technologies, the men and women farmers who are adopting them, novel approaches to communicating about the technologies, and — at the end of the day — what the impact is for families and communities.”

According to Evanega, there will be two kinds of fellowships: opportunities that support journalists working solo, and opportunities that support collaborations involving two or more journalists. For the latter option, the Alliance encourages applications from journalists where half of the team comes from the developing world, and the other half from more developed countries.

“It's great to see the Alliance recognize the particular value and needs of journalists from the industrializing world. I am also happy to see the provision for some innovative collaboration between journalists,” said Nick Ishmael Perkins, director of SciDev.Net, the world's leading online source of news and analysis about science and technology across the developing world.

Individual Journalism Fellowship awards will be issued in amounts from \$5000 to \$15,000. Collaborative Journalism Fellowship awards will be issued in amounts up to \$25,000. The Alliance hopes that the Collaborative track will inspire working partnerships among journalists who may otherwise not have the opportunity to work together.

“Supporting journalists to write articles that explore access to innovation is core to the Alliance's mission,” said Evanega.

The Alliance for Science is a communications initiative with the goal of promoting access to scientific innovation as a means of enhancing food security, improving environmental sustainability and raising the quality of life globally. Based at Cornell University and funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Alliance is evolving chapters with partners around the globe.

Applications will be reviewed beginning July 1, 2015 and will operate on a rolling basis. To apply, see: <http://allianceforscience.cornell.edu/SJFellowship>

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