

Eligibility and How to Apply:

<p>What is our purpose?</p>	<p>The main objectives are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of adults who understand the market economy by improving the quantity and quality of academic and adult education programs in agricultural economics and marketing, agribusiness, and agrarian law; • Develop the ability and confidence of participating faculty to evaluate and revise curriculum and courses through the application of basic principles of learning and curriculum development; • Establish enduring relationships between the US and international institutions that will catalyze and support curriculum development, course revision and faculty strengthening in the areas of agricultural economics, marketing and business.
<p>How does FEP help the US, along with its already established or future trade partners?</p>	<p>When participants complete the program, most go home to ease transition of economies and politics to market-based principles, thereby increasing trade.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants pass on their knowledge to students of agriculture (future farmers, commercial agribusiness brokers, horticulturalists, entomologists, plant pathologists, veterinarians, government policymakers and/or advisors) • The length of the program allows deep understanding of cultural differences and agricultural systems in a market-based economy • Participants serve as advisors to government policy-makers, farmers and agribusiness • US faculty follow-up visits allow for the development of long-lasting relationships and partnerships • US host universities establish formal agreements and networks for further exchanges of information; host professors gain international experience by learning about some of the cultural and political issues related to trade • Program information is channeled through published articles and books, seminars and conferences by participants; • Participants form new departments and specializations • Participant involvement in university-based farmers' extension programs increases
<p>What is included in the FEP?</p>	<p>Participants meet with professionals in their fields, collaborate in SPS issues, participate in field observations and industry visits, experience on-the-job training, attend university courses and seminars, or participate in a combination of the above. FEP works closely with other offices USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS & SEPHIS), as well as other U.S. agricultural trade and market development associations to make the program as comprehensive as possible.</p>
<p>How long is the program?</p>	<p>FEP offers semester-long programs at land-grant universities, followed by in-country visits by host professors.</p>
<p>Are training opportunities only located in the U.S.?</p>	<p>Yes, FEP participants are sent to the best available training provider, located within the United States.</p>

Can U.S. citizens apply?	No. The Program is designed for citizens of developing middle-income countries and emerging markets.
Must I speak English to qualify for the Program?	Yes.