

The **Wheat Productivity Enhancement Program (WPEP)** is initiating a new sub-project, the WPEP - Capacity Enhancement Initiative. This course will begin in early 2014 and is now seeking highly qualified young wheat researchers to participate. The course will help prepare selected young wheat scientists to apply for foreign PhD scholarship programs. Selected individuals will not be given scholarships in this course, rather they will be provided with the tools they need to successfully apply for scholarships.

The objective of the Capacity Enhancement Initiative is to ensure that promising young Pakistani wheat scientists apply and win international PhD scholarships. In support of this goal, the course recognizes that young scientists need assistance in preparing for the tests, applications, and interviews required for international scholarships. The course will help prepare these potential scholarship candidates by providing a curriculum that includes:

- Prep courses for GRE, TOEFL, and other standardized tests.
- Short, intensive Math and English instruction.
- Essay writing workshops.
- Interview skills course and mock interviews.
- Scholarship application coaching.

This course would last about four months (approximately 10 sessions) and will be held in Islamabad on weekends (to allow participants to continue to work in their current jobs). Travel, hotel, and meals will be provided by the CIMMYT. The course will culminate with each participant submitting applications to Fulbright, Endeavor, Erasmus Mundus, and other scholarships programs as appropriate.

While all interested candidates are encouraged to apply, only highly qualified candidates will be selected to participate. The primary criteria for selection is potential to become a leading wheat researcher. This will be determined by considering the following factors:

Academic Qualifications:

- 1 Masters/Mphil in agriculture or related field with clear evidence of above average academic performance.

Professional Qualifications:

- 2 Must have spent at least two years researching wheat. This can include pathology, breeding, agronomy, seed production, molecular breeding.
- 3 Preference should be given to candidates currently working in positions that focus on applied wheat research. Candidates who currently work on other crops and have extensive and exceptional records of wheat research
- 4 may also be given preference.
- 5 Candidates must have two strong letters of recommendation.

English:

- 6 Candidates must have strong written and oral English skills.
- 7 Candidates must be able to explain their research and interest in the course in English using technical terms.

Personal:

- 8 Candidates must be motivated, be goal oriented, and have a clear vision for the future.
- 9 Candidates must be culturally flexible and be strong enough to spend four years in a strange culture.

Interested candidates should download the course application at <http://www.wpepforpakistan.org/resources> and fully complete the application by the deadline.

The application deadline is December 20th, 2013

Candidates with questions about the course or application should email cimmytpak@gmail.com

**WPEP - Capacity Enhancement Initiative
(GRE, TOEFL, and other preparation exams for overseas scholarship)**

APPLICATION FORM

Instructions:

Please fill out the form completely and include all the information requested in the checklist below. The 8 pages form should be filled (typed) out using Adobe Acrobat. Incomplete applications may be discarded.

Application form available to download from: <http://www.wpepforpakistan.org/resources>

Send completed form along scans of relevant document in PDF format to: cimmytpak@gmail.com

Deadline: 20 December 2013

*Attach your
Passport-Size
Photograph
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Complete Application Must Include:

- Scans of university Degrees.
- A complete, signed copy of this form.
- Two letters of recommendation.

1. Personal Information

Last Name (Surname) (exactly as shown on your passport)	First Name (exactly as shown on your passport)	Middle Name(s) (exactly as shown on your passport)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Nationality	Email Address(es)	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female		
Work Telephone Number (Include country / local area codes)	Home Telephone Number (Include country / local area codes)	Mobile Telephone Number (Include country / local area codes)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth (month/date/year)	City and Country of Birth	Current Employer
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Passport Number	Home Mailing Address	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
CNIC Number		
<input type="text"/>		

2. What is your most significant wheat research accomplishment?

3. Education

Please list each College or University you have been enrolled in, **beginning with the most recent**. If you need additional space, please attach a separate sheet and include your full name on it.

Name of Institution and Country	Major Field of Study	Dates Attended	Type of Degree Earned	Date Completed
		month / year -- month / year		month / year
		month / year -- month / year		month / year
		month / year -- month / year		month / year

4. Technical / Professional Training or Courses

Please list each relevant technical / professional training or courses you have completed, **beginning with the most recent**. If you need additional space, please attach a separate sheet and include your full name on it.

Name of Training or Course	Dates	Language of Instruction	Country of Instruction
	month / year -- month / year		
	month / year -- month / year		
	month / year -- month / year		
	month / year -- month / year		

5. Language Skills

Language	Reading	Writing	Speaking
English			

Excellent = Fluent, always comprehend Good = Proficient, can usually comprehend Limited = Little or no comprehension

6. Current Employment

Organization or Company Name / Department	Mailing Address and Telephone Number	
Web Site Address HTTP:// <input type="text"/>		
Dates of Employment <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> -- <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> <small>Month year month year</small>	Your Position Title	
Supervisor's Name / Position Title / Department	Supervisor's E-mail Address	
	Supervisor's Telephone Number <small>(Include country / local area codes)</small>	
Duties: Please concisely describe your current job-related responsibilities and accomplishments		
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7. Awards, Honors, Scholarships

Award Type / title	Description	Date Received	Awarding Institution

8. Professional Publications

Please list your 5 professional publications below using the standard bibliographic format.

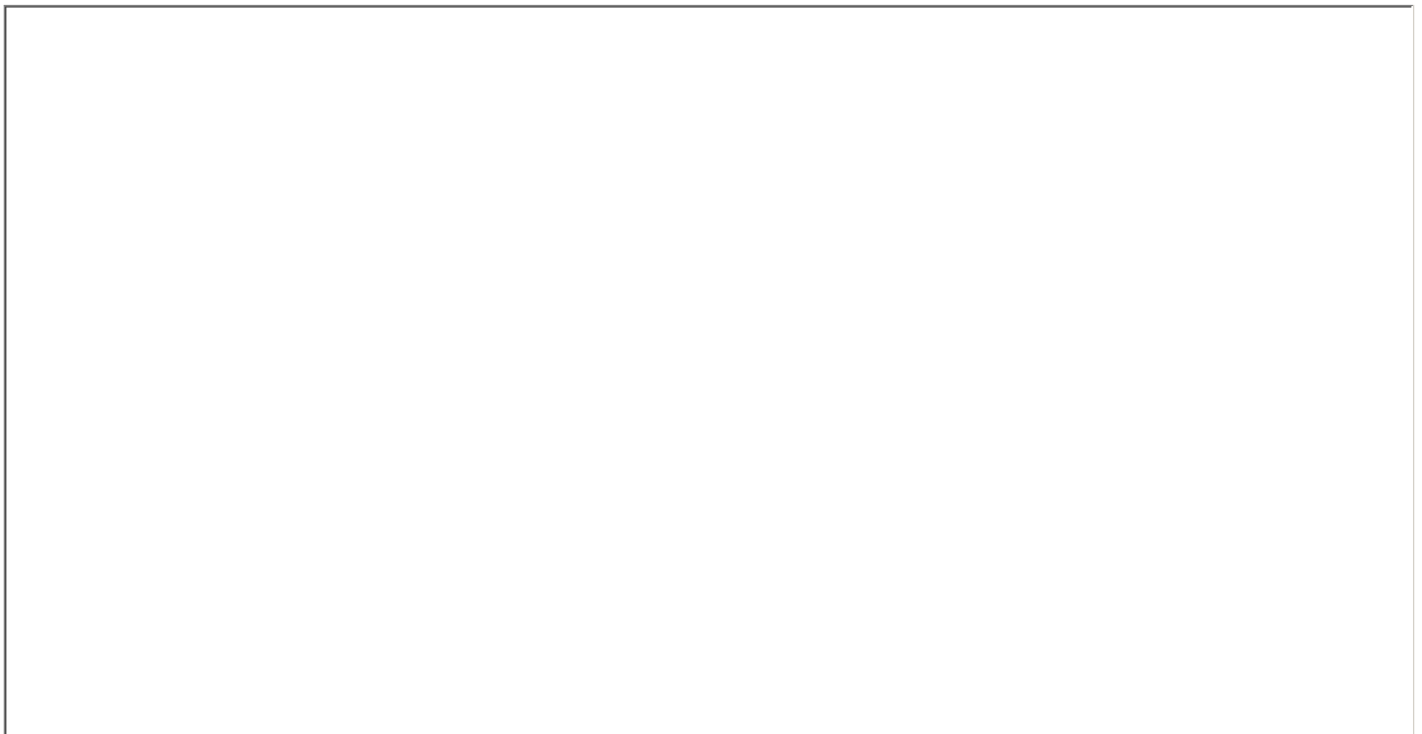
9. If you are selected for a PhD scholarship program overseas, what would you study and what research would you like to pursue?

10. What are your goals for the coming 5 years?

11. If you had unlimited funds for wheat research, what research area would you like to concentrate?



12. Tell us about your strengths including your greatest success



13. Tell us about your weakness including your worst failure

[Empty text box for response]

14. Approval of Supervisor

I certify that _____ is a staff member at _____
Print Applicant's Full Name
and is under my supervision. I agree to his/her application to **WPEP - Capacity Enhancement Initiative** and understand that, if selected, the candidate must be available to spend Saturdays and Sundays, January through May, 2014 in Islamabad.

Signature of supervisor

Date

Print name and position title

15. Conditions of Training and Acceptance

I certify the following:

All information provided on this application form is true to the best of my knowledge and that willful misstatement may lead to disqualification and/or revocation of the fellowship.

I have no known established and/or expected business, employment or other commitments that would prevent me from completing the WPEP Scholarship program if selected.

I will be available to attend program sessions on Saturdays and Sundays, January through May, 2014. I understand these sessions will be held in Islamabad and housing, meals, and travel will during program activities be provided and or paid for by CIMMYT.

I agree to put forth my best effort and fully participate in all program activities including attending course sessions and completing any homework assignments.

I agree to take the GRE and other standardized tests necessary for foreign PhD scholarships. I agree to apply for at least one foreign PhD scholarship at the completion of the course. And, if given the opportunity, I will accept a foreign PhD scholarship and pursue a PhD in wheat research.

Full Name of Applicant _____
(Family Name, Given name, Other names)

Applicant's Signature

Date