

Research Fellowship Guidance for Academic Partners

The WFP Fellowship Programme for Research Services offers students and academics a unique opportunity to conduct research within the World Food Programme on a range of thematic areas that contribute to the fight against hunger. Fellows benefit from access to WFP's operational contexts, data, and expertise, allowing them to ground-truth their research in real-world settings. This mutually beneficial collaboration also creates pathways for joint publications and evidence generation that support both academic inquiry and WFP's mission.



Fellows can be master's or doctoral students, or professors.



3-12 months



Fellows can be placed in any of WFP's operational offices (Global HQ or Country Offices), either in presence, remote, or hybrid.



Must be fully funded by the sponsoring entity.



Public or private educational institutions (recognised by UNESCO and national governments).



The fellow will work with a WFP staff member, formally dedicated to facilitating the research.

Initiating Engagement

To explore fellowship opportunities, a brief concept note (CN) of no more than two pages can be prepared either by WFP or by an academic institution outlining the scope and deliverables of the foreseen fellowship.

The CN should include the following elements:

- Articulation of the problem statement, outlining the importance of addressing food security or malnutrition
- The research question and hypothesis(es)
- Proposed research methodology and data sources
- Estimated timeline
- Expected deliverables

Concept notes developed by academic institutions may be submitted to the Thematic and Operational Research Unit (APP-RO) at global.libraryresearchservice@wfp.org, with the subject line "Fellowship Enquiry", to initiate discussions around potential research collaboration.