

## Join the Syngenta – USAID

### Ag Student Connections Program 2017 in Vietnam!

**Dates:** June 25 – July 7, 2017

**Destination:** Southern Vietnam

**Application Deadline:** May 5, 2017

Are you a university student who wants to help smallholder farmers in Asia? Are you in the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year of your degree program and care about the future of agriculture? Do you want to explore agriculture in South East Asia and share your knowledge, energy and ideas with a community of smallholder farmers working to improve productivity and reach better markets? Then you should apply to be part of the “Syngenta-USAID Ag Student Connections program”!

The Syngenta – United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Ag Student Connections Program is a regional initiative that brings together students and stakeholders from Australia, South and South East Asian countries to learn about and adapt cutting-edge agricultural technology to the needs of smallholder farmers.

For the first time, **the program is open not only to agriculture students, but to students from any discipline (e.g. computer science, engineering, economics, etc.)** who have a passion for applying their skills and knowledge to the problems facing smallholder farmers. Bringing farming into the digital age is necessary if we expect to feed the Earth’s growing population, and this challenge requires ideas and approaches from outside of traditional agriculture.

We are accepting applications from students from **Bangladesh, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal, Thailand, and Vietnam**. Winners from these countries will join students from Australia and South Korea for a unique cross-cultural learning experience.

The two-week Connections program will take place in the Mekong Delta in southern Vietnam in from June 25 to July 7. **Apply now**, for your chance to explore a wonderful part of this versatile country. Not only will you connect with other bright, young minds and experts, you will also have a chance to visit local farmer cooperatives, and work with other students to come up with innovative ideas to help small holder farmers. For information on previous exchanges, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/SyngentaConnections/>

#### How to apply

By May 5, 2017, please submit your CV (resume) along with a YouTube video that addresses the below questions to Ms. Tarinee Youkhaw at [Tarinee.Youkhaw@winrock.org](mailto:Tarinee.Youkhaw@winrock.org) While the format is open and creativity is encouraged, the video must be under 3 minutes long. Submissions must be in English. Only successful applicants will be contacted for an interview.

1. We are looking for students with a passion to change smallholder agriculture in Asia. Tell us about your passion.
2. What role do you think technology will have in the future of farming?
3. What do you expect to bring to the program from your courses or previous experiences to help improve smallholder agriculture in Asia?
4. If selected, how will you use the information and knowledge gained from the learning program in the future?

Early submissions are very much welcomed. Please note that we may post your videos on our Facebook page.