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USDA NATIONAL NEEDS FELLOWSHIPS
at the
CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION
Department of Agricultural Economics
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
for
Masters Level Support in Agricultural Economics
With a Specialty in
Agricultural and Food Industrial Organization

GOAL
To encourage undergraduate women to pursue advanced degrees in agricultural and food industrial organization (AFIO); foster a welcoming atmosphere of scholarship, mentoring, and networking for women with an eye on placing them in leadership positions in industry, academia, and public policy; and capitalize on the future success of the fellows to induce more women to pursue advanced degrees in AFIO.

OPPORTUNITIES
Fellows will be trained in state-of-the-art industrial organization concepts applied to the agri-food system, taught by an internationally-renowned and culturally diverse faculty, exposed to a lively and intellectually stimulating academic environment characterized by frequent workshops and seminars; hosted in a department located in a state that offers rich and practical experience in the workings of the farm-to-food system, and given the opportunity through collaboration with the Nebraska Rural Initiative to gain practical experience by interning with agribusinesses, state and federal government agencies.

ELIGIBILITY
To be eligible for the fellowships, candidates should be citizens or nationals of the United States as determined in accordance with Federal Law and have strong interest in pursuing a career as a food and agricultural scientist or professional. Candidates should not have completed two semesters or equivalent hours of full-time study or been enrolled previously in an academic program at the masters degree level.

STIPEND AND BENEFITS
The fellowships will carry a yearly stipend of $15,000 in addition to a tuition waiver and benefits.

HOW TO APPLY
Applications are available online at http://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/. For further information, contact Professor Azzeddine Azzam by phone (402-472-5326) or e-mail at <aazzam@unlnotes.unl.edu>. Applications are encouraged from undergraduate women of all racial and ethnic backgrounds.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
Application deadline for the fellowships is January 15, 2006.

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