

## About the organizers

The Southeast Asian Regional  
Center for Graduate Study and  
Research in Agriculture



(SEARCA) is the center of excellence for agriculture of the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO), an international organization founded in 1965. Its primary mandate is to strengthen institutional capacities in agricultural and rural development in Southeast Asia through graduate education, short term training, research, and knowledge exchange. Its priority themes are agricultural competitiveness and natural resource management. SEARCA is hosted by the government of the Philippines on the campus of the University of the Philippines at Los Baños.

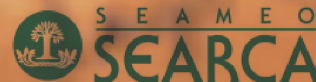
The International Foundation  
for Science was established as  
a non-governmental organization



in 1972. Its mission is to contribute in strengthening the capacity of developing countries to conduct relevant and high quality research on the sustainable management of biological resources. This will involve the study of physical, chemical, and biological processes, as well as relevant social and economic aspects, important in the conservation, production, and renewable utilization of the natural resources base. IFS is funded by more than 15 donor organizations and has provided over 5,500 grants to researchers in 100 countries.

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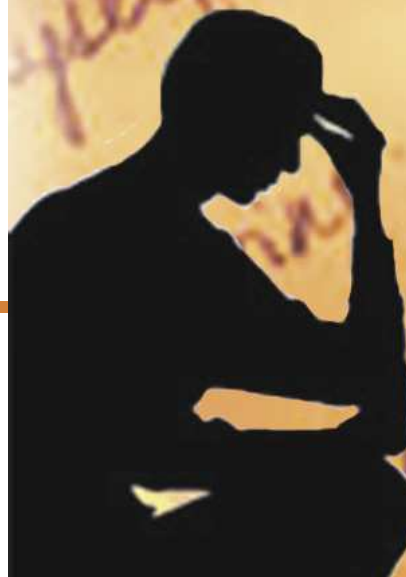


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# IFS Orientation & Proposal Writing Seminar

**26 November 2007  
3-5 p.m.**

Umali Hall, SEARCA  
UP Los Baños, College,  
Laguna





## Overview

Recognizing that science and technology capacity has not evolved to the same extent in all developing countries, the International Foundation for Science (IFS) supports scientific capacity building in developing countries that lack a solid base in national science and technology training. It identifies promising young scientists from developing countries and supports them in their early careers to help them become established and recognized nationally and internationally.

Grants are approved through a careful selection process, relying on a broad network of world-renowned scientists who assess the scientific and developmental value of all proposals. This orientation-seminar will serve as a venue for junior researchers/scientists to know more about the IFS program as well as interact and exchange ideas with IFS scientists. They provide suggestions and feedback to both successful and unsuccessful applicants.

### Program

3:00 - 3:30	Introduction of IFS and research grant opportunities
3:30 - 3:45	Light snacks
3:45 - 4:45	Strategies for designing social science research projects and writing research proposals
4:45 - 5:00	Open forum

## Research Fields Supported

Proposals for research projects are to address biological, chemical, or physical processes as well as social and economic relationships important in the conservation, production, and renewable utilization of the natural resource base.

Thus, the different IFS research topics supported by IFS are within Social Sciences, Forestry/ Agroforestry, Food Science, Aquatic Resources, Natural Products, Water Resources, Crop Science and Animal Production.



## Types of IFS Support

- Research grants
- Purchase and delivery of equipment on behalf of grantees
- Promotion of scientific networks and links to other scientists
- Access to literature searches for grantees
- Travel support for grantees to present their work
- Mentoring by senior scientists drawn from the IFS network of advisers
- IFS- organized scientific meetings, international workshops and training courses
- An award scheme for grantees