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Dear Sir,

I am writing today to seek your input in a new program sponsored by the United States Government to promote the role of women in agricultural research. As you are aware, the United States Government and the U.S. Department of Agriculture are committed to strengthening agriculture in Pakistan and agricultural linkages between the U.S. and Pakistani Scientists. One of the key methods has been through educational exchanges such as USDA's Norman E. Borlaug Fellowship, Cochran Fellowships, and many other programs that bring Pakistani and U.S. scientists together to share knowledge. To further the goal of creating agricultural linkages, the USDA is working to expand its inclusion of women in its exchange programs and to promote the role of women in agricultural research in general.

A key part of this effort is to help female scientists build networks and mentoring relationships, both within Pakistan and with U.S. scientists. One of the first efforts USDA is making in this regard is the establishment of a program under the International Leadership Visitors Program (IVLP). IVLP is the U.S. Department of State's flagship professional exchange program. Over the past 70 years, over 200,000 International Visitors have participated in the program, including over 320 who later became heads of state or heads of government. Visitors travel to the United States for three weeks, visiting cities, meeting professional counterparts and visiting public and private sector organizations related to the project theme. Visitors also participate in cultural activities and are hosted by American families.

The IVLP program recommended by USDA is entitled "Women in Agriculture: Developing the Next Generation of Leaders". This program will allow female agricultural research leaders in the United States to share their experiences and strategies for succeeding in this traditionally male-dominated field with the Pakistani participants. The group will visit USDA laboratories and field stations, land-grant universities (Texas A&M, UC Davis, for example), and corporations like Monsanto and Bayer Crop Sciences. The program will focus on establishing long-term linkages and mentoring relationships between female scientists from both countries. Additionally, the program will encourage the candidates to develop their own community and provide support for other female scientists in Pakistan.

I am asking for your support for what we expect will be an excellent opportunity for bright young, female scientists. We are seeking bright, early and mid-career female agricultural scientists from national and provincial agricultural research institutes, field stations, and universities as well as private agricultural research companies. Our hope is that you have some qualified candidates at your institution and will encourage them to apply and, if selected, participate in this program.

Please pass this invitation to apply to any female staff or students that you think would benefit from this opportunity. An application sheet is attached. Candidates must submit completed applications by **April 16th, 2014**. All travel, lodging, and meals will be paid for by the IVLP program. Additional travel before and after the program is not permitted.

I look forward to an excellent pool of candidates and thank you for your cooperation.

Regards,

Clay M. Hamilton
Agricultural Counselor
U.S. Embassy, Islamabad, Pakistan

International Visitor Program Nomination Form
Women in Agriculture: Developing the Next Generation of Leaders

1.	Name (As written in the passport)				
	Surname:				
	Given Names:				
2.	Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy):				
3.	Age:				
4.	City of Birth:				
5.	Country of Birth:				
6.	Gender:				
7.	Marital Status:				
8.	Special Dietary or other Considerations:				
9.	Mailing Address:				
10.	Mobile Number:				
	Work Number:				
11.	Languages:				
		Urdu	English	Other	Other
	Excellent				
	Good				
	Fair				
12.	Present Job Title and Institutional Affiliation:				

13.	Job Roles and Responsibilities:		
14.	Previous Positions:		
15.	Publications: On a <u>single</u> separate sheet, list titles and dates for the most important books and magazine and journal articles you have authored.		
16.	Professional Memberships: On a <u>single</u> separate sheet, state any memberships in local, national or international professional organizations or associations or clubs.		
17.	Have you traveled to the United Sates? (Yes / No)		
	If yes, please give the year of travel to the United States, purpose of your travel, and length of stay.		
18.	Other Countries: (If yes, please give the year of travel to the United States, purpose of your travel, and length of stay)		
19.	Have you received a U.S. Government grant before? (Yes / No)		
	If yes, please specify:		
20.	Please attached a scanned copy of your passport on a separate sheet.		
	Passport Number:		
	Issuance Date (mm-dd-yyyy):		
	Expiration Date (mm-dd-yyyy):		
	City of Issuance:		
	Country of Issuance:		
21.	Education		
	<u>Degree/Certificate</u>	<u>Univ./Institution Attended</u>	<u>Year</u>

22.	Public Speaking: (Indicate if nominee would like public speaking opportunities, such as speaking to school and university classes, Rotary Clubs, or World Affairs Councils): (Yes / No)		
23.	Interested in Media Coverage: (Indicate willingness to speak to the press) (Yes / No)		
24.	Home Hospitality: (Home hospitality is generally the sharing of a meal with U.S. hosts. This can be a weekend picnic, evening meal, or other family event.) (Yes / No)		
25.	Home Stay: (A home stay is generally a weekend visit that includes participating in activities with U.S. hosts) (Yes / No)		
26.	On a <u>single</u> separate sheet, please explain why you are interested in this program and are a good candidate. Limit is 4,000 Characters.		