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To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Eva M. Clayton Fellows Program to provide for fellowships to conduct research and education on the eradication of world hunger and malnutrition, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Eva M. Clayton Fellows Program to provide for fellowships to conduct research and education on the eradication

of world hunger and malnutrition, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Eva M. Clayton Fel-
5 lows Program Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EVA M. CLAYTON FELLOWS PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle I of the National Agricul-
8 tural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of
9 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3291 et seq.) is amended by adding at
10 the end the following new section:

11 **“SEC. 1459B. EVA M. CLAYTON FELLOWS PROGRAM.**

12 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall estab-
13 lish a fellowship program to be known as the ‘Eva M.
14 Clayton Fellows Program’ to provide for fellowships to
15 conduct research and education on the eradication of
16 world hunger and malnutrition in accordance with this
17 section.

18 “(b) FELLOWS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall select
20 eligible faculty members to receive a fellowship to
21 conduct research or education programs relating to
22 the eradication of world hunger and malnutrition (in
23 this section referred to as ‘Clayton Fellows’).

1 “(2) TERM.—The term of a fellowship awarded
2 under this subsection shall be two years.

3 “(3) LOCATION OF SERVICE.—

4 “(A) FIRST YEAR OF SERVICE.—During
5 the first year of service under a fellowship
6 awarded under this subsection, each Clayton
7 Fellow shall serve at the qualified institution at
8 which the Clayton Fellow is a faculty member.

9 “(B) SECOND YEAR OF SERVICE.—During
10 the second year of service under a fellowship
11 awarded under this subsection, each Clayton
12 Fellow—

13 “(i) may, if a fellowship position is
14 made available pursuant to subsection (d),
15 serve at the Food and Agriculture Organi-
16 zation of the United Nations; or

17 “(ii) shall, if such position is not
18 made available, continue to serve as de-
19 scribed in subparagraph (A).

20 “(C) TRAVEL.—During the term of service
21 under a fellowship awarded under this sub-
22 section, a Clayton Fellow may travel as nec-
23 essary to conduct work on the eradication of
24 world hunger and malnutrition.

1 “(4) APPLICATION.—An eligible faculty member
2 seeking a fellowship under this subsection shall submit to the Secretary an application that contains—
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4 “(A) a résumé or curriculum vitae that includes information on the expertise, education,
5 and training of such faculty member;
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7 “(B) a description of the research or education programs the faculty member intends to
8 conduct while serving as a Clayton Fellow;
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10 “(C) a certification that the qualified institution at which the eligible faculty member is a
11 faculty member has agreed to maintain the faculty status, benefits, and faculty position of the
12 eligible faculty member during and after the return of the eligible faculty member to the qualified
13 institution from the fellowship program established under subsection (a); and
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18 “(D) such other information as the Secretary may require.
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20 “(5) SELECTION.—In selecting eligible faculty
21 members to serve as Clayton Fellows, the Secretary may give priority to eligible faculty members at
22 land-grant colleges and universities.
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24 “(6) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after
25 the date on which a Clayton Fellow completes a year

1 of service under a fellowship awarded under this
2 subsection, each Clayton Fellow shall submit to the
3 Secretary a report containing—

4 “(A) a description of the research and edu-
5 cation programs conducted by the Clayton Fel-
6 low during the preceding year of service, includ-
7 ing the purpose and results of such research or
8 education programs;

9 “(B) a self-assessment of the effectiveness
10 of the research or education programs con-
11 ducted by the Clayton Fellow during such year;

12 “(C) an evaluation of each Fellow Protégé
13 who provided assistance to the Clayton Fellow
14 during such year;

15 “(D) a description of best practices for the
16 eradication of world hunger and malnutrition
17 and a proposal to teach such practices at the
18 qualified institution at which the Clayton Fel-
19 low is a faculty member upon completion of the
20 fellowship awarded under this subsection; and

21 “(E) such other information as the Sec-
22 retary may require.

23 “(7) SUBMISSION OF EVALUATION TO PEACE
24 CORPS.—Each Clayton Fellow shall submit to the
25 Master’s International program of the Peace Corps

1 a copy of the evaluation submitted to the Secretary
2 under paragraph (6)(C).

3 “(8) TERMINATION.—The Secretary may termi-
4 nate a fellowship awarded under this subsection at
5 any time during the fellowship.

6 “(c) FELLOW PROTÉGÉS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each Clayton Fellow shall
8 select at least one eligible student to assist such
9 Clayton Fellow in conducting research or education
10 programs on the eradication of world hunger and
11 malnutrition (in this section referred to as a ‘Fellow
12 Protégé’).

13 “(2) LOCATION OF SERVICE.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each Fellow Protégé
15 shall provide assistance to a Clayton Fellow—

16 “(i) in the country or region that is
17 the subject of the work of the Clayton Fel-
18 low relating to the eradication of world
19 hunger and malnutrition; or

20 “(ii) if the Clayton Fellow is serving
21 at the Food and Agriculture Organization
22 of the United Nations, at the Food and
23 Agriculture Organization.

24 “(B) TRAVEL.—A Fellow Protégé may
25 travel as necessary to provide assistance to a

1 Clayton Fellow during the term of assistance of
2 such Protégé.

3 “(3) APPLICATION.—Each eligible student seek-
4 ing to assist a Clayton Fellow under this subsection
5 shall submit to a Clayton Fellow an application that
6 contains—

7 “(A) documentation proving that the stu-
8 dent—

9 “(i) has permission from the Master’s
10 International program of the Peace Corps
11 to provide assistance to a Clayton Fellow
12 in accordance with this section; and

13 “(ii) is eligible to serve as a Fellow
14 Protégé under this subsection, including
15 proof of enrollment and good academic
16 standing;

17 “(B) an explanation of how the academic
18 work of the student relates to the work of the
19 fellowship program established under subsection
20 (a);

21 “(C) an academic transcript; and

22 “(D) such other information as the Clay-
23 ton Fellow may require.

1 “(4) SELECTION OF FELLOW PROTÉGÉS.—In
2 selecting eligible students to serve as Fellow
3 Protégés, a Clayton Fellow—

4 “(A) shall consult with the Secretary; and

5 “(B) may give priority to students enrolled
6 at land-grant colleges and universities.

7 “(5) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after
8 the date on which a Fellow Protégé completes a
9 term of assistance under this subsection, each Fel-
10 low Protégé shall submit to the Secretary a report
11 containing—

12 “(A) a description of the type and extent
13 of the assistance such Fellow Protégé provided
14 to a Clayton Fellow in conducting research or
15 education programs on the eradication of world
16 hunger and malnutrition during the preceding
17 term of assistance as a Fellow Protégé;

18 “(B) a self-assessment of the effectiveness
19 of such assistance;

20 “(C) an evaluation of the Clayton Fellow
21 for whom the Fellow Protégé provided such as-
22 sistance;

23 “(D) a description of best practices identi-
24 fied by such Fellow Protégé for the eradication
25 of world hunger and malnutrition; and

1 “(E) such other information as the Sec-
2 retary may require.

3 “(6) TERMINATION.—A Clayton Fellow may
4 terminate the term of assistance of a Fellow Protégé
5 at any time during such term of assistance.

6 “(d) UNITED NATIONS FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
7 ORGANIZATION.—

8 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF FELLOWSHIP POSI-
9 TIONS.—The President shall direct the United
10 States Permanent Representative to the United Na-
11 tions to use the voice, vote, and influence of the
12 United States at the United Nations to urge the
13 United Nations to establish within the Food and Ag-
14 riculture Organization of the United Nations fellow-
15 ship positions for Clayton Fellows to conduct re-
16 search and education programs on the eradication of
17 world hunger and malnutrition.

18 “(2) CONSULTATION.—Upon the establishment
19 of a fellowship position under paragraph (1), the
20 Secretary shall consult with the Food and Agri-
21 culture Organization of the United Nations with re-
22 spect to the selection of Clayton Fellows.

23 “(e) ADMINISTRATION.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award
25 a grant to administer and implement the fellowship

1 program established under subsection (a) to a non-
2 profit organization that—

3 “(A) represents or is comprised of individ-
4 uals associated with an institution of higher
5 education specified in section 371(a) of the
6 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
7 1067q(a)); and

8 “(B) is an organization described in para-
9 graph (3) of section 501(c) of the Internal Rev-
10 enue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under
11 such section.

12 “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—The organization award-
13 ed a grant under paragraph (1) may use grant funds
14 only for the following purposes:

15 “(A) To provide for each Clayton Fellow
16 and each Fellow Protégé payment for expenses
17 related to conducting work on the eradication of
18 world hunger and malnutrition under the fel-
19 lowship established under subsection (a), in-
20 cluding—

21 “(i) housing or accommodations; and

22 “(ii) travel.

23 “(B) To provide on behalf of each Fellow
24 Protégé at the end of the term of assistance of

1 such Protégé in an amount that is propor-
2 tionate to such term of assistance—

3 “(i) scholarship assistance in the form
4 of a direct lump-sum payment to the quali-
5 fied institution at which such Protégé is
6 enrolled; or

7 “(ii) if such Protégé graduates from
8 the qualified institution upon completion of
9 the term of assistance as a Fellow Protégé,
10 loan repayment assistance for loans made,
11 insured, or guaranteed under part B, or
12 made under part D or E, of the Higher
13 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1071 et
14 seq., 1087a et seq., 1087aa et seq.) for
15 which such Protégé is the borrower, in the
16 form of a direct lump-sum payment—

17 “(I) in the case of a loan made,
18 insured, or guaranteed under part B
19 of such Act, to the holder of the loan;

20 “(II) in the case of a loan made
21 under part D of such Act, to the Sec-
22 retary of Education; and

23 “(III) in the case of a loan made
24 under part E of such Act, to the insti-

1 tution of higher education making
2 such loan.

3 “(C) To pay the costs of administering the
4 fellowship program established under subsection
5 (a).

6 “(3) ANNUAL ASSESSMENT.—

7 “(A) ANNUAL ASSESSMENT.—The organi-
8 zation awarded a grant under paragraph (1) or
9 this paragraph shall annually submit to the
10 Secretary an assessment of the fellowship pro-
11 gram established under subsection (a) that con-
12 tains—

13 “(i) a description of the use of the
14 funds received by the organization under
15 this section during the preceding year of
16 such fellowship program;

17 “(ii) an assessment by the organiza-
18 tion of the effectiveness of the activities
19 carried out using such funds;

20 “(iii) information regarding the appli-
21 cation of any funds provided by non-Fed-
22 eral sources during such year;

23 “(iv) a description of the best prac-
24 tices identified by the organization for fu-

1 ture fellowship programs to be carried out
2 by the Secretary; and

3 “(v) such other information as the
4 Secretary may require.

5 “(B) IN GENERAL.—If after reviewing the
6 annual assessment described in subparagraph
7 (A), the Secretary determines that the organi-
8 zation awarded a grant under paragraph (1) or
9 this paragraph did not administer and imple-
10 ment the fellowship program established under
11 subsection (a) in accordance with this section,
12 the Secretary may—

13 “(i) revoke or suspend funding for
14 such grant, in whole or in part;

15 “(ii) accept applications from other el-
16 igible entities to administer and implement
17 the fellowship program established under
18 subsection (a); and

19 “(iii) transfer funding revoked or sus-
20 pended under clause (i) to the eligible enti-
21 ty the Secretary selects after reviewing ap-
22 plications submitted under clause (ii).

23 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) ELIGIBLE FACULTY MEMBER.—The term
2 ‘eligible faculty member’ means an individual who is
3 a faculty member of a qualified institution.

4 “(2) ELIGIBLE STUDENT.—The term ‘eligible
5 student’ is a student who is—

6 “(A) enrolled in the Master’s International
7 program of the Peace Corps;

8 “(B) enrolled and in good academic stand-
9 ing at a qualified institution; and

10 “(C) pursuing a master’s or other grad-
11 uate degree in an area of study related to the
12 eradication of world hunger and malnutrition.

13 “(3) QUALIFIED INSTITUTION.—The term
14 ‘qualified institution’ means—

15 “(A) an institution of higher education
16 specified in section 371(a) of the Higher Edu-
17 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a)); or

18 “(B) a land-grant college or university.

19 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
20 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
21 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2018.”.

22 (b) SUBMISSION OF INITIAL ASSESSMENT.—The first
23 assessment required under subsection (f) of section 1459B
24 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and
25 Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (as added by subsection (a)

1 of this section) shall be submitted not later than 30 days
2 after the date on which the first year of service of the
3 first fellowship awarded under such section ends (as deter-
4 mined by the Secretary of Agriculture).

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