Dear Dean Gibeling,

The International Agricultural Development (IAD) Graduate Group is in the top tier of programs in its field. IAD is a two-year, multidisciplinary applied science program that leads to a Master of Science degree. Students are provided a solid base of biological and sociological perspectives toward agricultural development, which is critical for careers in international development. Graduates from the program are trained to stimulate, assist, or manage agricultural development and enhance rural life in developing countries.

The general consensus of those familiar with development programs is that there is no other program in the United States, with the possible exception of Wageningen University in The Netherlands, in the world, that is comparable in subject matter and overall quality to the IAD Graduate Group.

One area where the IAD Graduate Group can retain competitiveness and draw to the program the very best graduate students is in the research salary. The Executive Committee of the Graduate Group in IAD adopts the following compensation plan for the academic year:

**Graduate Student Researcher (GSR) Step III at 49%**

For the summer months, the adopted compensation plan is as follows:

**Graduate Student Researcher (GSR) Step III at 80%**

Submitted:

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