



Dear IFYE Members,

We're excited to announce a search for an **IFYE USDA Grant Readiness Team Project Manager** — a part-time, paid position created to lead our organization's preparation for an anticipated USDA Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). We're seeking a qualified, enthusiastic IFYE alumnus/alumna or family member to coordinate this effort, working closely with the Readiness Team, facilitating communication among participants, and helping ensure IFYE is ready to submit a high-quality application once the NOFO is announced.

A detailed position description can be found on our website [here](#). Interested candidates should submit a **resume and three references by August 22**. This opportunity is open first to IFYE alumni and family members; it will only be posted through outside recruitment platforms if no qualified candidates apply by the deadline. Please share this with anyone you think would be a strong fit.

Alongside this search, we're also forming the **IFYE USDA Grant Readiness Team** itself. Though the NOFO hasn't been published yet, this is the ideal time to organize, assess our strengths, and position IFYE to respond quickly with a strong, competitive proposal.

The Readiness Team will include **five Work Groups and five Subcommittees**, covering:

- **Program Design & Evaluation** (Agricultural Education/International Exchange; Data Management & Research)
- **Fundraising and Development** (Partnership Development)
- **Finance and Budgeting** (Risk Management and Compliance)
- **Communication and Storytelling** (Governmental Liaison)
- **Proposal Development** for Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreements

We're inviting Board members, alumni, and IFYE friends to get involved in these groups — please reach out using the contact info below if you're interested. For more information, please visit our [Call to Action](#)* page on our website.

This initiative is about more than one grant — it's a chance to strengthen IFYE's organizational capacity and build a shared vision for the future. Please consider how you might contribute, whether by applying for the Project Manager role, joining a Work Group, or sharing your expertise.

In the Spirit of IFYE,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Carolyn Hansen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Carolyn Hansen, President

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*<https://ifyeusa.org/news-events/farm-bill-call-to-action/farm-bill-letter.html> *