**International Agriculture and Development (INTAD)**

**Application & Instructions**

This document contains instructions for the application for entrance into the INTAD dual-title graduate program. Note that only students who have been accepted into academic programs that participate in the INTAD Dual-Title Degree Program are eligible to apply. Participating programs are limited to the following at this time:

* [Agricultural & Biological Engineering](https://abe.psu.edu/graduateprograms/abe)
* [Agricultural & Environmental Plant Science](https://bulletins.psu.edu/graduate/programs/majors/agricultural-environmental-plant-science/#dualtitlestext)
* [Biorenewable Systems](https://abe.psu.edu/graduateprograms/brs)
* [Civil Engineering](https://www.cee.psu.edu/academics/graduate/degrees-and-requirements.aspx#MEng)
* [Ecology](https://www.huck.psu.edu/graduate-programs/ecology)
* [Education,](https://aese.psu.edu/graduateprograms/aee) Development, and Community Education
* [Entomology](https://ento.psu.edu/graduateprograms)
* [Food Science](https://foodscience.psu.edu/graduateprograms)
* [Forest Resources](http://ecosystems.psu.edu/graduateprograms/forest-resources)
* [Plant Pathology](https://plantpath.psu.edu/graduateprograms)
* [Rural Sociology](https://aese.psu.edu/graduateprograms/rural-sociology)
* [Soil Science](https://ecosystems.psu.edu/graduateprograms/soil-science)

**Submission of Materials:**

Please submit a digital copy of the application materials to Melanie Miller Foster at melanie@psu.edu.

The INTAD Academic Program Committee will review the application materials and respond with their decision.

# Checklist of application items:

**\_\_\_ Application Form**

Note that three signatures are needed on this form:

1) Applicant 2) Applicant’s advisor 3) Primary Graduate Program Chair

**\_\_\_ Statement of Purpose**

The statement of purpose is designed to give the INTAD Academic Program Committee a better sense of the applicant’s attitudes, abilities, and ambitions toward international agriculture and development.

Please write a three-part statement addressing the following three questions. Statements must be no longer than 1500 words and double-spaced. Please separate your responses with an appropriate heading.

1. Why do you want to study international agriculture and development? What are your specific interests?
2. What do you hope to gain by participating in the INTAD dual-title program? Are there any specific international opportunities in which you hope to participate?
3. What are your professional goals and how does the INTAD dual-title degree play a role in achieving those goals?

**\_\_\_ Letter of Support**

The letter of support is designed to provide the INTAD Academic Program Committee with an additional narrative that exhibits the applicant’s interest and willingness to take on the added responsibility of pursuing a dual-degree. The letter of support must be written by A) the student’s primary program academic advisor **OR** B) a member of the INTAD faculty. This individual should comment on the applicant’s interest and ability in incorporating an international dimension to the student’s primary degree program. The applicant will include a hard copy of the Letter of Support with the rest of the application materials.

**Application Form**

**Dual-Title Degree in**

**International Agriculture and Development (INTAD)**

**Information**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PSU ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Local Address (Street/City/State/Zip Code): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Local Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Primary Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Checklist of Responsibilities**

Please be sure to discuss the following points with your academic advisor.

* **Courses**: Fulfill the 13 credit requirement for M.S. degree, 19 credit requirement for the Ph.D. degree.
* **Committee Composition**: Follow the primary program committee guidelines with the stipulation that the committee chair or co-chair must be a member of the INTAD graduate faculty.
* **Qualifying/Comprehensive Examination (Ph.D. only)**: Follow the primary program exam guidelines. The examination committees must include at least one Graduate Faculty member from INTAD program. The INTAD committee member(s) should ensure that the exam questions reflect both the primary program and the dual-title degree curriculum.
* **Thesis/Dissertation & Defense**: The student will write and orally defend a thesis/dissertation on a topic that reflects their original research in both the primary program and the INTAD dual-title program.

**Signatures**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Graduate

Program Chair: Date: \_\_\_\_\_