



Youth Ag Summit 2019

Background Information

About the Youth Ag Summit movement

The United Nations has predicted that by 2050, the planet's population will reach a staggering 10 billion people. To meet demand, we will need to produce 50 percent more food, but with less land and fewer resources than ever before. The Youth Ag Summit, part of Bayer's Agricultural Education program, brings together young changemakers aged 18-25 to tackle humanity's most pressing challenge: feeding a hungry planet.

Since its inception in 2013, the Youth Ag Summit has grown into a movement led by 'AgVocates' who are active on an ongoing basis in tackling food security challenges, working to bridge the gap between those who produce our food and those who consume it. These advocates have varied personal and professional backgrounds, including agriculture, international development, environmental stewardship, food security, biotechnology and/or farming. But they are united by their commitment towards championing sustainable agriculture and food security issues across a variety of platforms, both on- and offline.

The Youth Ag Summit movement now counts 300 alumni from more than 50 different countries, with many having gone on to participate in such prominent global events as the UN Committee on Food Security in Rome, the EAT Stockholm Food Forum, and the European Development Days.

About the 2019 Youth Ag Summit

Every two years, 100 delegates are chosen to take part in the Summit. Previous editions have been hosted in Canada, Australia and Belgium. The 2019 Summit will be held from 4-6 November in Brasilia, Brazil, in partnership with local partners Nuffield Brazil and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA). Bayer is covering all travel, accommodation and related costs for the delegates.

For the 2019 application process, each prospective participant pitched an idea to tackle food insecurity in the context of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In total, Bayer received over 2,800 applications from more than 140 countries. Now the final 100 delegates will work together in Brasilia to hone their ideas for how to feed a hungry planet. The most promising ideas will be awarded funding and support from the Bayer Foundation, while several delegates will be also recognized for their innovation, sustainability and leadership skills through future networking opportunities.

About Bayer

Bayer is a global enterprise with core competencies in the life science fields of health care and nutrition. Its products and services are designed to benefit people by supporting efforts to overcome the major challenges presented by a growing and aging population. At the same time, the Group aims to increase its earning power and create value through innovation and growth. Bayer is committed to the principles of sustainable development and the Bayer brand stands for trust, reliability and quality throughout the world. In fiscal 2018, the Group



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employed around 117,000 people and had sales of 39.6 billion euros. Capital expenditures amounted to 2.6 billion euros, R&D expenses to 5.2 billion euros. For more information, go to www.bayer.com.

About Nuffield Brazil

Nuffield Brazil is a member of Nuffield International, a network established in 1947 in the UK to promote personal, professional and social development in agriculture through its activities. Through its International Farming Scholarships, Nuffield promotes, develops and inspires producers and agri-professionals between 25 and 45 years of age who travel globally to bring back solutions for local issues and opportunities, and to become leaders in agriculture. With a network of more than 1.7000 Nuffield Scholars around the world, participants are able to grow personally and contribute professionally through experiential travel and investigation of contemporary issues in agriculture. Components of a Nuffield scholarship include participating in the program's annual conference, small group travel and individual excursions to over 10 countries – totaling 14 weeks over a two-year period. For more information, go to www.nuffieldinternational.org and www.nuffield.com.br.

About IICA

As the specialized agency of the Inter-American System for agriculture, the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) supports the efforts of the Member States to achieve agricultural development and rural well-being. IICA's mission is to encourage, promote and support its Member States in their efforts to achieve agricultural development and rural well-being through international technical cooperation of excellence. As part of its vision, they aim to create a competitive, inclusive and sustainable inter-American agriculture that feeds the hemisphere and the world, while at the same time generating opportunities to reduce hunger and poverty among farmers and rural dwellers. Learn more at www.iica.int.

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