

Bees for Development

Beekeeping is an important income-generating activity for smallholder farmers in developing Commonwealth countries and adds diversity and resilience to small-scale mixed farms.

Beekeeping creates an economic incentive to maintain forest and natural environments and supports human development in harmony with wise use of natural resources. This Fellowship will provide exposure, new knowledge and enhanced capacity to professionals working in the field of apiculture, conservation, education and smallholder farming in India. As we increasingly understand the human cost of the decline in pollinators the imperative to share knowledge and strengthen partnerships to address this global problem is greater than ever.

Eligibility

Bees for Development has hosted Fellows from Ghana and Uganda in recent years. We would like now to broaden our reach and create a Fellowship opportunity suitable for candidates from India. We welcome candidates working in the field of apiculture development in connection with smallholder farmer development, rural employment creation through beekeeping and poverty alleviation objectives. We welcome applications from Fellows who are interested to develop new work programmes in India.

The focus of the Fellowship will be developing approaches to using beekeeping to build sustainable and prosperous livelihoods in rural India, whilst supporting natural ecosystems.

Website

www.beesfordevelopment.org

Proposed activity

In the developing countries of the Commonwealth most food is produced by smallholder farmers in mixed arable and livestock farms, in diverse landscapes comprising fields, forests and pastures. Honey bees thrive in all these landscapes, creating more resilient and productive farms, and hence underpin the success and prosperity of small-scale family farms. Bees add value to forests. Beekeeping can contribute to between 10-20% of a family's income.

Bees for Development supports the apiculture sector in developing Commonwealth countries in two main ways: (1) information and knowledge service delivery and (2) targeted problem-specific community-based interventions.

We wish to build the capacity of our partners and colleagues in India to deliver on both these strategic objectives and strengthen our relationship with organisations based in India. The

Fellowship will be based at our offices in Monmouth, UK. The programme of work and study will enable Fellows to work towards five learning outcomes. Throughout the programme Fellows will be mentored by the Director of Bees for Development and our Programme Manager. As a result of the programme Fellows will:

- A. Gain new knowledge in apiculture, specifically being exposed to new thinking about sustainable and natural beekeeping to support honey bee health without use of medications.
- B. Gain new knowledge about the role of bees in the economies of small-scale farms, with view to increasing the success and prosperity of rural farmers in India.
- C. Have enhanced capacity in being able to document lessons learned and communicate research and project results to a wide audience of stakeholders and practitioners, using a range of formats.
- D. Understand the importance of monitoring and evaluation and develop low-cost tools to collect data and measure impact.
- E. Know how to use social media for advocacy, campaigning, communicating technical information and impact of work done

- Week 1 29-Apr Induction. Introduction to the work and processes of Bees for Development. Refine study programme.

Week 2 06-May Attend training course, 'Strengthening Livelihoods in developing countries through beekeeping'.

- Week 3 13-May Liaise with parent organisations and plan for the delivery of the same course in India. Research and collate materials for technical poster on beekeeping with *Apis cerana* (Asian honey bee). Attend TAA Seminar on agriculture and biodiversity. Visit Natural Beekeeping Trust and learn about current approaches to natural and sustainable beekeeping.
- Week 4 20-May Support the preparation and delivery of Monmouth Bee Festival.
- Week 5 27-May Develop M&E tool for beekeeping projects in developing countries – standardised tool using KoboToolBox.
- Week 6 03-Jun Attend training course on social media to raise awareness and communicate key messages.
- Week 7 10-Jun Support preparation of Bees for Development's Fundraising Event in Marlborough House on 12 June 2018. Explain about the role of beekeeping to support livelihoods in developing countries to wider audiences.
- Week 8 17-Jun Write and edit July 'special' edition of Bees for Development Journal with a focus on beekeeping with *Apis cerana* (Asian honey bee). Attend course on treatment-free beekeeping.
- Week 9 24-Jun Complete technical poster on beekeeping with *Apis cerana*.

CSC theme

Priority Theme 1 Promoting global prosperity

Further details

For more information on how to apply, please visit the CSC website:
<http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/commonwealth-professional-fellowships-information-for-candidates/>