

# Learning, action research and outreach

## Making higher education boost food security

### An ICRA course for professionals working in tertiary agricultural and rural education



You as professionals in tertiary agricultural education are expected to prepare competent graduates ready for the job market. In addition, you are requested to do action research that contributes to innovation for food security, and provide services for rural communities that support inclusive development.

Get ready to make your courses more interactive and interdisciplinary!

How do you provide useful services to the surrounding community?  
How do you make research relevant for farmers and agribusiness so you better can attract funding?

Join ICRA's course to find the answers to those challenges. Brace yourself for three challenging weeks with a range of activities such as trainer-assisted group sessions, role plays, case studies and excursions to education institutes.

*"The course is very important in capacitating us, lecturers. It shows us ways to stimulate students' thinking capacity and have a much more practice-based approach to teaching."*

Victoria Gowele,  
Lecturer Food Science and Technology,  
Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania



### Course requirements

Candidates should meet the following requirements:

- Be proficient in English (understanding, reading and writing)
- Have at least five years professional experience, preferably in tertiary agricultural and rural education and related fields
- Have the official approval of their institution to participate

### Wageningen, the Netherlands

12 – 30 March 2018 (3 weeks)

#### Week 1:

Linking education with societal needs to rural innovation.

*Main topics:*

- Labour market oriented curricula development
- Competency-based assessment
- Interactive session design and delivery

#### Week 2:

Learning in real-life contexts and creating meaningful community services.

- Problem and practice-based learning
- Academic consultancy training and science shop
- Several study tours to Dutch educational institutes
- Science shop

#### Week 3:

Action research, linking development and education.

*Main topics:*

- Innovation as a learning process
- Stakeholder involvement and role of the researcher Real life example in the Netherlands: study tour

“ICRA has been a life-changing experience for me...  
there is nowhere else you can get this kind of learning.”



## About ICRA

The International Centre for development oriented Research in Agriculture (ICRA) is an independent non-profit organization. ICRA believes that food security, pro-poor economic growth, and sustainable resource use can emerge when people and organizations address their collective challenges by working together, sharing knowledge and achieving their own solutions. ICRA strengthens innovative capacity by providing training and coaching to individuals and teams from different backgrounds.

## Course costs

Tuition fees are € 3,990.  
(Accommodation, flights, visa, insurance and living costs are not included.)

## How to apply

Interested candidates can apply directly at the course webpage, see [www.icra-edu.org/courses](http://www.icra-edu.org/courses)  
Candidates with their own funding can apply before **20 December 2017**.

## Funding

Nuffic offers scholarships for nationals from 60 countries. For details visit the course webpage at [www.icra-edu.org/courses](http://www.icra-edu.org/courses).

Applications for scholarships are open until **19 October 2017** (after completing your ICRA application).



*“My classes have become more stimulating, as I am no longer using the ‘know’ and ‘show’ only, but also the ‘know-how’.”*

Sandeep Jain  
Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Punjab Agricultural University, India

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