



## IIFH FoodShot Fellow

A unique opportunity to gain insight and first-hand experience from the venture community on what it takes to have a successful startup

- **\$70K fellowship:** 1 year salary, travel, tuition, and research expenses (supported by the [Innovation Institute for Food & Health, IIFH](#))
- **Full year:** Late summer 2018 to Late summer 2019 ([flexible](#) start date)
- **Eligibility:** UC Davis post-doctoral fellows, or PhD students in their last 1-2 years of study
- **Engagement with FoodShot:** The first 6 months the fellow will work with FoodShot Global evaluating startups in the food system to identify investible ventures by FoodShot Global partners. Kickoff with a 1 month New York residency (\$7.5K travel and accommodation allowance provided), followed by regular virtual and in-person meetings for the following 5 months upon return to Davis.
- **Development Opportunity:** Using the knowledge gained in the first portion of the program, fellows will have 6 months to conduct critical studies to de-risk a potential technology or product they want to develop.
- **DUE JUNE 30, 2018** – or until filled: [more details and to apply](#)



### About the Innovation Institute for Food and Health

The IIFH makes uncommon connections between sectors and disciplines to catalyze innovation across food, agriculture and health. It works to accelerate the deployment of products and processes to enable safe, sustainable and secure nutrition for all. Together with strategic partners, IIFH identifies systemic issues as the basis for collaborative programs using both top-down (partner-driven) and bottom-up (investigator-initiated) approaches to formulate systemic solutions. This reduces the time from conception to application for transformative impact.

## **About FoodShot Global**

FoodShot Global empowers bold ideas and innovative companies to accelerate the transformation to a healthy, sustainable and equitable food system. It is a collaborative platform of innovators, investors, industry leaders and advocates working to solve our biggest food system challenges. By connecting knowledge, networks and funding across private and public sectors, FoodShot creates scalable, impactful, and inspired solutions – MoonShots for Better Food. With a global network of food industry leaders and aligned equity, debt and prize dollars, FoodShot empowers best-in-class entrepreneurs, researchers and advocates to transform the most critical food system challenges into opportunities for collaborative investment and meaningful change.

Each year, FoodShot selects a Challenge – an identified obstacle to a healthy, sustainable, and equitable food system. FoodShot invites entrepreneurs and innovators to submit businesses that address the challenge for funding consideration, while experts in the challenge area provide issue-specific insights and nominate candidates for the GroundBreaker prize. FoodShot vets and reviews submissions for boldness, viability and impact to determine the best-of-class candidates. Finally, FoodShot and its partners award equity, debt, and prize dollars to the finalists, as well as providing post-investment capacity resources to ensure greater scale and impact.

## **Description**

### ***Part One – One Month Residency in New York City at FoodShot Global***

- Start date flexible: following selection, join FoodShot Global for 1 month in New York City at the end of Summer 2018 (including \$7,500 travel and accommodation allowance).
- Explore FoodShot’s strategic ecosystem and extensive network of assets in evaluating and vetting various submissions to the annual FoodShot Challenge.
- Learn what kind of companies and technologies are considered investable and engage with expert consortium members to understand opportunities in food/agriculture innovation.
- Gain invaluable knowledge about what investors look for in entrepreneurs.

### ***Part Two – Application to UC Davis Activities***

- At UC Davis: for 5 months more, continue to support FoodShot efforts in evaluating startups and selecting investible ventures that address selected challenges in the food system. The fellow will work closely with FoodShot staff through virtual means, but support is provided for regular in-person meetings as needed.
- Resume doctoral research: for last 6 months, practice applying FoodShot learnings to concluding research activities, exploring the greatest impact and best route to market.
  - Enrich learning through on-campus Entrepreneurship Academy, business plan development, identify potential investors, and research the target landscape.
  - Supported by monthly face-to-face meetings with the Innovation Institute for Food & Health (virtual or in-person as needed)
- In conclusion: provide a brief report on the results and impact of the fellowship, and present at the annual Innovator Summit.

### **Application Requirements**

- 1) Completed application
- 2) Curriculum Vitae (PDF)
- 3) Letter of interest detailing current PhD research, why the program is of interest to you, and how your career goals align therewith (max. 2 pages, PDF format)
- 4) Letter of support from faculty PI of research project (max. 1 page, PDF format)

### **Application Deadline**

June 30, 2018 – OR UNTIL FILLED. [Click here to apply.](#)