



FELLOWSHIP DESCRIPTION

Sustainable Finance- Spanish Speaking Fellow

Title:	Sustainable Finance – Fellowship
Location:	New York City (or Remote)
Proposed Start/End Dates:	Starting February 2017
Salary:	None. Academic credit is available.

The Rainforest Alliance is a not-for-profit organization that works to conserve biodiversity and ensure sustainable livelihoods by transforming land-use practices, business practices and consumer behavior. As part of its work in Landscapes and Livelihoods, the Rainforest Alliance supports small and medium scale farms, forestry enterprises and local communities to access finance through 1/ financial literacy and business management education; 2/ research and financial analysis and 3/ financial product innovation.

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As part of its work in financial product innovation, the Rainforest Alliance is working on various blended-finance concepts to promote investments in landscape conservation and livelihood improvements.

In October 2016, the Rainforest Alliance, together with Citi Group, conducted a workshop to assess the design of an investment facility for deforestation free commodity production in Peru. The workshop gathered 70 participants representing financial institutions, investment groups, ministries, international development agencies, research institutes and NGOs. The Rainforest Alliance is now working on documenting lessons learnt from this workshop and on developing a framework for operationalizing commitments from participants.

The fellow will assist these efforts by:

1. Conducting research necessary to complement the information collected prior to and during the workshop. Research will include both desk research and interviews with finance experts;
2. Developing and editing the 20-page workshop report for publication on the Rainforest Alliance website and distribution to stakeholders in Peru and Latin America;
3. Supporting the Rainforest Alliance's engagement strategy to operationalize commitments from stakeholders and to align workshop outcomes with country and regional strategies.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Graduate or post-graduate; degree in business, economics or international affairs;
- Experience and/or advanced knowledge in conservation finance, large-scale financial transactions, fund management and impact investing strategies;
- Fluent in Spanish (required);
- Excellent business writing skills;
- Sound research skills and ability to conduct interviews with finance professionals;
- Self-starter, curious and resourceful individual able to work on his/her own with limited guidance as well as contribute to a team effort;
- Effective communications skills.

To apply, please send your resume and a Spanish writing sample as a single PDF document to **hroy [at] ra.org** by **February 10th, 2017**. Please use your name as a file name. Application without a Spanish writing sample will not be considered.