To: Students affiliated with the National Center for Foreign Animal and Zoonotic Disease Defense (FAZD Center), the Center of Excellence for Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases (CEEZAD), and the Center for Food Security and Public Health (CFSPH).

Date: July 2, 2012

RE: DHS Career Development Fellowship Awards in Zoonotic and Animal Disease Defense

We welcome applications from students pursuing studies at any university affiliated with the National Center for Foreign Animal and Zoonotic Disease Defense (FAZD Center), the Center of Excellence for Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases (CEEZAD), and the Center for Food Security and Public Health (CFSPH) as part of a new Graduate Level Career Development Program in Zoonotic and Animal Disease Defense (ZADD) offered by this consortium.

As part of a renewal grant from the Department of Homeland Security, Science & Technology Directorate, and in partnership with Texas A&M University, Kansas State University, the University of California at Davis, and Iowa State University, the ZADD Consortium Career Development Program plans to award a number of graduate fellowships in mission critical areas related to the Homeland Security Biodefense sector. These will include the following DHS areas:

- Awards on Food Agriculture Security
- Awards in Biological Threats and Countermeasures
- Awards in Infrastructure Protection
- Awards in Risk and Decisions Sciences
- Awards in Emergency Preparedness and Response

While the award titles differ, all five categories of awards will involve affiliation with and involvement in the ZADD Consortium Career Development Program (CDP) and the Hispanic Leaders in Agriculture and the Environment Program (HLAE) at Texas A&M University. We intend to award a number of 2-year (M.S.) and 3-year (Ph.D.) graduate fellowships.

Masters-level graduate fellowships will include the following: 1) a stipend of $1895.33/month for 12 months per year ($22,750.00/year) for one or two years, 2) 50% of tuition and fees paid (in-state tuition only), and 3) $5,000.00 for an approved 10-week internship in research related to zoonotic and animal disease defense.

Doctoral-level graduate fellowships will include the following: 1) a stipend of $2083.33/month for 12 months per year ($25,000.00/year) for one or two years, 2) 50% of tuition and fees paid (in-state tuition only), and 3) $5,000.00 for an approved 10-week internship in research related to zoonotic and animal disease defense.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, hold a 3.30 GPR or higher and major in a Homeland Security Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (HS-STEM) discipline that aligns with the
mission space of the consortium. Applicants must be willing to attend a mandatory DHS-sponsored career development conference in Washington DC, attend one FAZD Center or CEEZAD annual meeting, and conduct a 10-week internship in a Homeland Security field. Applicants must be willing to attend all activities of the HLAE program. Finally, applicants must be willing to commit a one-year Homeland Security related employment experience.

**How to find out more and apply**

How to find out more and apply: Download and complete the application form, provide a copy of your university transcript(s), GRE scores; and make arrangements for letters of recommendation to be sent electronically as well. Attach a cover letter and email application documents to FAZD@ag.tamu.edu by 5:00 p.m., Central Time on Friday, August 24, 2012.

If you have questions, call Dr. Heather Simmons (979-845-2855). Fall 2012 applications are due electronically on Friday, August 24, 2012. Decisions will be made by September 7, 2012.