Global Initiative for Food Systems Leadership (GIFSL)

Leadership for One Health, Food Systems for One World

Description	GIFSL is committed to strengthening global food systems through cross-disciplinary leadership development and facilitation of strategic partnerships. GIFSL projects foster food systems leadership through professional development programs, experiential education, and mentoring offered through a global consortium of universities in collaboration with industry, governments, and international organizations. GIFSL works toward creating more resilient food systems by facilitating collaboration across disciplines and the creation of strong public-private-academic partnerships.
Purpose	The goal of GIFSL is to catalyze integrated and harmonized food systems for global food safety and food security. The mission of GIFSL is collective action through leadership programs, networks, and resources.
Scope	Global
Primary Funders	Major support is provided by the General Mills Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, SSAFE, Ecolab, Davisco, Cargill Inc., Buhler Group, and the University of Minnesota; an Endowed Chair of Global Food Systems Leadership with matching donations from the University of Minnesota and Cargill, Inc. along with other gifts, sponsorships, and donations also support GIFSL.
Participants & Key Collaborators	GIFSL has more than 30 partners and individual mentors and fellows that represent Inter-Governmental Organizations (IGOs), educational/academic institutions, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), regional and national governments, industry, and the private sector.
Definition of One Health	"One Health" emphasizes the interdependency of human, animal and ecosystem health. GIFSL "One Health Leadership" programs expand awareness that "health" includes complete physical, mental and social well-being and demonstrate the linkage of sustainable food systems to social and economic stability, key prerequisites for achieving global food safety and security.
Monitoring & Evaluation Strategy	GIFSL documents the strategic intent and monitors the progress of all projects in quarterly updates. Training programs are individually evaluated at the end of the initial training and then follow-up evaluations are conducted six months out. The GIFSL Impact Model is used to evaluate the larger initiative.
Sources of Information	GIFSL Website: http://foodsystemsleadership.org/ and interview with Dr. Hueston.
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