



"An unprecedented opportunity for University students to be impact venture capitalist for an academic year"

The Kirchner Fellowship program believes that while the amount of impact investment capital continues to increase, access to that capital for entrepreneurs in underserved regions and communities does not. For that to improve, unique investment approaches that align interests and focus on local ecosystem development for early-stage growth companies are needed to push money and business resources into areas where they are needed most. Assembling, training, and empowering talented young diverse student investment teams for this purpose is the core mission of the Kirchner Fellowship.

Programs



**KIRCHNER
FOOD FELLOWSHIP
HBCU**

Students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities



**KIRCHNER
FOOD FELLOWSHIP
AMERICAS**

Students attending university in Central America or in North America with a significant connection or professional interest in Central America



**KIRCHNER
FOOD FELLOWSHIP
MEXICO**

Students attending university in Mexico

Highlights

- Fellows continue their current studies while participating in year-long program
- Problem-based learning and solutions approach
- Virtual program with a series of face-to-face meetings for more intensive sessions
- Full discretion over real investment decision
- Direct and guided experiences allow Fellows to develop the skills and attributes required for effective capital allocation and post-investment value add
- Network of past fellows and directors for professional development
- Open to graduate and undergraduate students
- Scholarship provided to fellows

Applications open March 1st – April 30th

"Participating in the Kirchner Food Fellowship program has been one of the highlights of my MBA. This unique and challenging experience has allowed me to apply the skills and knowledge I've gained in class in real time by engaging in the impact investment process myself. I also feel very privileged to be working with and learning from the diverse perspectives of my highly talented directors and colleagues."

- Myriam Faucher 2021-2022 Americas Fellow



50+

Academic institutions represented



30+

Alumni representing 10 countries



300+

Entrepreneurs impacted by training



\$300k+

Invested by students



KIRCHNER
FOOD FELLOWSHIP

Portfolio



Kuli Kuli is a socially responsible company that sells products made with moringa.



Solena is an innovative biotech company based in Leon, Mexico that provides natural and native soil health solutions to agricultural producers and farmers.



Tomato Jos a vertically-integrated tomato-paste processing company serving the local Nigerian market



Green Zebra Grocery is a healthy and socially responsible convenient store chain.



Siembro is an online multi-lender lending platform connecting Latin American farmers with financial institutions at the point of sale.

Partners



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