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## Program for Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards in Agriculture

Internal Ref #	Title of Research Project:	
10	Molecular basis of the fruit softening process during the fig ( <i>Ficus carica</i> ) fruit ripening and senescence	
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The research team (other scientists):		
Short Description of Research Project (3-5 lines): Fig ( <i>Ficus carica</i> L.) fruit undergoes rapid softening during ripening, a process that involves changes in the solubility and degradation of the cell wall. Using 454 technology we isolated and characterized up and down regulated of many genes during the ripening process. To further analyzed those genes we will use: a. bioinformatics analysis, b. functional analysis by transformation, of antisense and over expression, of fig genes followed by <i>in situ</i> hybridization of selected genes in fig fruit. c. total RNA seg of fig fruits exposed to different treatments during ripening.		
Required Qualifications of Visiting Scientist: <i>Education:</i> PhD. student graduated in Plant molecular biology		
<i>Scientific Experience:</i> bioinformatics analysis; plant transformation, plasmid construction, RNA isolation, plant genetics, plant biology, plant anatomy, <i>in situ</i> hybridization		
Abilities and Skills: English writing and speaking capabilities		

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