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**Monsanto Fund Awards Compatible Technology International  
\$25,500 for IIT-Bombay Fellowships**

*Fellowships will fund two graduate students in India*

**ST. PAUL, Minn. – June 24, 2010** – Compatible Technology International ([CTI](#)) announces the awarding of two fellowships to graduate students in integrated rural development at Center for Technology Alternatives in Rural Areas ([CTARA](#)) at the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB). IITB has established a new two-year program to train professionals in all aspects of rural development including engineering, economics, cultural aspects, and the development of appropriate solutions. With funding from Monsanto Fund, CTI is supporting the next generation of professionals engaged in rural development in India and around the world.

CTI is an international development nonprofit that alleviates hunger and poverty by designing simple tools that help rural families more effectively process their crops and have access to clean drinking water.

With expertise from volunteer scientists and engineers, CTI designs devices that help subsistence farmers, who make up three-quarters of the world's poor, allowing them to increase and add value to the food they grow. Devices such as manually operated food grinders, water chlorinators, solar dryers, and grain threshers can transform lives in rural communities by improving nutrition, producing income, and providing opportunities for children to attend school.

"Rather than handing out food, CTI helps the rural poor obtain the tools they need to improve their own nutrition and achieve long-term economic self-sufficiency," states CTI's Executive Director, Roger Salway. "CTI is establishing lifelong partnerships with emerging leaders in rural development who will be fully aware of CTI's capabilities and will include appropriate technology solutions in their tool-kit."

The **Monsanto Fund** is the philanthropic arm of the Monsanto Company. The Fund supports organizations and programs as varied as the places around the globe where Monsanto does business. Its goal is to improve the lives of people by bridging the gap between their needs and their resources. **Compatible Technology International**, a St. Paul, Minnesota nonprofit, was founded in 1981 by a group of food scientists, missionaries, and research engineers to provide solutions for processing food after harvest in the developing world. Rather than give temporarily relief, CTI designs simple, culturally appropriate devices that help poor farmers process their crops more effectively. CTI's unique approach to sustainable development has proven to result in a better food yield, improved nutrition and increased family incomes. For more information about CTI, visit [www.compatibletechnology.org](http://www.compatibletechnology.org).