

Academics Without Borders – USA
Project in Cambodia

In early 2016 we received a proposal for a multi-year collaboration with the Royal University of Agriculture and its Faculty of Agro-Industry located in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The focus of the project was on ways to improve that university's program in Food Science and Technology. Over a period of months work was focused on clarifying the purpose, focus and work to be done on this important effort. Communication was with the Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Kong Thong, along with the intended AWB-USA supported faculty member, Dr. Glenn Young, with the International Food Science Program at the University of California, Davis. The focus of the proposed and later approved project was on ways to improve their ability to design and deliver a curriculum in Agro-industry and to improve their research and agricultural extension activities. The approved proposal specified that the AWB-USA volunteer, with the \$5000 grant, would make 3 visits over a 30 month period with the aim of working directly with the faculty , administrators, and students to assist and assess the university's processes and specific efforts. Extended visits were made in late 2016, early 2017 and in late 2017. Also, through the efforts of Dr. Young, a visit by Dean Thong and several Agro-Industry faculty to the University of California, Davis campus to view first hand projects and initiatives relevant to the Cambodia AWB-USA project. Although this visit was not directly related to nor supported by AWB-USA, it was a product of the connection of AWB-USA to the Royal University of Agriculture.