

Limited Submissions Announcement

A limited submission opportunity is available from the United States Department of Agriculture and has been posted to the [UTSA Limited Submission Opportunities webpage](#).

[USDA Hispanic-Serving Institutions \(HSI\) Education Grants Program Overview:](#)

The purpose of the HSI Education Grants Program is to encourage innovative teaching or education proposals with potential to impact and become models for other institutions that serve underrepresented students, at the regional or national level. Projects supported by this program:

1. Attract and support undergraduate and graduate students from underrepresented groups in order to prepare them for careers related to the food, agriculture, natural resources and human (FANH) sciences in the United States;
2. Enhance the quality of postsecondary instruction within the above disciplines;
3. Provide opportunities and access to FANH careers in the public and private sector; and
4. Align the efforts of HSIs and other non-profit organizations to support academic development and career attainment of underrepresented groups.

By supporting Innovative teaching and education, the HSI Program directly aligns with:

1. [2014-2018 USDA Strategic Plan](#), specifically Goals 1 and 4;
2. [USDA Research, Economics and Education Action Plan](#), specifically Goals 6 and 7;
3. [2014-2018 NIFA Strategic Plan](#), specifically Strategic Goal 1 Sub-goal 1.7

Eligible institutions may propose projects in any discipline(s) or subject matter area(s) of the FANH sciences. More specific information on what is considered food, agriculture, natural resources and human sciences, and allowable program activities can be found on the webpage link listed under “Materials Available on the Internet” under section VIII, E of this solicitation.

There are three grant types for the HSIs Education Grants Program: **Regular, Collaboration, and Conference grants.**

a) **Regular Grant:** The Regular grant type supports targeted, original, scientific Education/Teaching Projects. Applicants would be eligible HSI institutions (two or 4-year independent branch campus, or branch institution of a State system) with project activities to be undertaken principally on behalf of and for the benefit of the lead HSI. Applicants may partner with other HSI or non-HSI without the requirement of sharing grant funds with other project partners. Grants will be funded at up to \$250,000 total for a period of up to four years. **Regular project applicants may request additional funding (up to \$25,000) to provide financial assistance to one student beyond his/her participation in the project that will address this purpose for an award total of up to \$275,000.**

b) **Collaboration Grant:** Collaboration Grants for this program must be submitted by a group of two or more HSIs forming a **linkage arrangement** (please see Part VIII, Section E) for the purpose of carrying out common objective(s) on the group’s behalf. Collaboration Grants will be funded up to \$1,000,000 total, for a grant period of four years.

c) **Conference Grants:** Conference Grants support scientific meetings that bring together educators to identify research, education/teaching, and/or extension needs, update information, or advance an area of education/teaching. Individual conference grants must not exceed \$50,000

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total for a project period of up to two years. Conference grants are not renewable. **Indirect costs are not permitted on Conference Grant awards.**

Eligibility:

Applications may only be submitted by Hispanic-Serving Institutions. To be considered an HSI, institutions must have a minimum of 25 percent undergraduate full-time Hispanic enrollment.

Application Limit and Award Amount:

For FY 2018, an institution may not submit more than four Regular, two Collaboration, and two Conference applications to this program, as a lead institution. Only two awards will be made to the same lead institution and this can be any combination of two of the three grant types.

Grant Application Type	Application Limit	Maximum Amount per Award	Submission Due Date (5:00pm Eastern)
Regular	4	\$275,000	April 3, 2018
Collaboration	2	\$1,000,000	April 4, 2018
Conference	2	\$50,000	April 5, 2018

***Cost Share Requirement:**

The recipient of an award from the HSI program must provide matching funds, in-kind contributions, or a combination of both, from sources other than funds provided through such grant in an amount that is at least equal to the amount awarded by NIFA unless one of the exemptions described herein is applicable (see RFA for cost share exemptions).

Cost-share commitments must be documented via formal memo from the funder/financial supporter (i.e., Dean, External Sponsor, etc...) and attached via PDF to your limited submission application.

Timeline:

*Grant Application Type	<u>Limited Submission Application Due</u>	Selection Notification	Proposal Due to Funder
Regular	February 26, 2018	March 13, 2018	April 3, 2018
Collaboration			April 4, 2018
Conference			April 5, 2018

* Grant application type must be indicated on your limited submission application.

Questions? Please reference the [UTSA Limited Submissions website](#) or contact LimitedSubmissions@utsa.edu