

## 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 Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Fields Program \(WAMS\) Overview](#)

The purpose of this program is to support research, education/teaching, and extension projects that increase participation by women and underrepresented minorities from rural areas in STEM. NIFA intends for this program to address educational needs, as determined by each institution, within broadly defined areas of food, agriculture, natural resources, and human sciences.

NIFA intends to support projects with a target audience of K-14 students (kindergarten through twelfth grade plus two years of post-secondary schooling (e.g., vocational technical institutions or community or junior colleges). **4 year undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral focused projects will not be awarded** under this grant announcement. Projects with a primary target of 4-year undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral studies should consider NIFA's workforce and development focused programs.

The WAMS grants program directly aligns with:

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

Applications recommended for funding must highlight and emphasize the development of a competent and qualified workforce in the food, agricultural, natural resources and human sciences (FAHN sciences). WAMS-funded projects should improve the economic health and viability of rural communities by developing research and extension initiatives that focus on new and emerging employment opportunities in STEM occupations. Projects that contribute to the economic viability of rural communities are also encouraged.

### **Eligibility**

Applications may only be submitted by the following eligible applicants: (a) State agricultural experiment stations; (b) **colleges and universities**; (c) university research foundations; (d) other research institutions and organizations; (e) Federal agencies; (f) national laboratories; (g) private organizations or corporations; and, (h) individuals.

### **Application Limit**

Each eligible, individual institution, may submit **one application as an individual institution**. Institutions that received a grant under this program in a prior year are still eligible to submit and receive a grant this year.

### **Award Amount**

\$100,000. The project period may range from 24 to 36 months (two to three years).

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### **Cost Share Requirement**

As a Hispanic-Serving Agricultural Colleges and University (HSACU), UTSA is exempt from the matching funds requirement for this award.

### **Internal Evaluation Criteria**

The attached review matrix will be utilized for internal review/scoring. Pre-proposals should be responsive to these criteria.

### **Timeline**

Internal Notice of Intent Due to <a href="mailto:Limitedsubmissions@utsa.edu">Limitedsubmissions@utsa.edu</a> (Preferred)	Limited Submission Application Due	Selection Notification	Application Due to Funder *(Anticipated)
November 7, 2018	November 14, 2018	November 29, 2018	March 27, 2019

\*NIFA anticipates release of the new solicitation in late December 2018/early January 2019, depending upon funding availability.

### **[Limited Submission Application Instructions](#)**

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