

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

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.

Eligible institutions may propose projects in any discipline(s) or subject matter area(s) of the FANH sciences.

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

a) **Regular Grant:** The Regular grant type supports targeted, original, scientific Education/Teaching Projects. Applicants may partner with other HSIs or non-HSIs 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 (4) 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 of the solicitation) 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 (4) 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 total for a project period of up to two (2) years. Conference grants are not renewable. **Indirect costs are not permitted on Conference Grant awards.**

Eligibility

UTSA is eligible as a qualified Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) holding a minimum of 25 percent undergraduate full-time Hispanic enrollment.

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Application Limit/Award Amount

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
Regular	4	\$275,000
Collaboration	2	\$1,000,000
Conference	2	\$50,000

Cost Share Requirement

As a designated Hispanic-Serving Agricultural College or University (HSACU), UTSA is exempt from the matching funds requirement for these programs.

Timeline

*Grant Application Type	Internal Notice of Intent Due to Limitedsubmissions@utsa.edu (Preferred)	Limited Submission Application Due	Selection Notification	Application Due to Funder **(Anticipated)
Regular	November 21, 2018	December 3, 2018	December 18, 2018	April 2, 2019
Collaboration				April 3, 2019
Conference				April 4, 2019

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

**NIFA anticipates release of the new solicitation in late December 2018/early January 2019.

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