

Limited Submissions Announcement

A limited submission opportunity is available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is available on the [UTSA Limited Submission Opportunities webpage](#).

USDA Equipment Grant Program Overview

The Equipment Grant Program (EGP) serves to increase access to shared-use special purpose equipment/instruments for fundamental and applied research for use in the food and agricultural sciences programs at institutions of higher education, including State Cooperative Extension Systems. The program seeks to strengthen the quality and expand the scope of fundamental and applied research at eligible institutions, by providing them with opportunities to acquire one major piece of equipment/instruments that support their research, training, and extension goals and may be too costly and/or not appropriate for support through other NIFA grant programs.

The EGP does not support the acquisition of suites of equipment to outfit research laboratories /facilities or to conduct independent experiments simultaneously. Similarly, the EGP does not fund common, general purpose ancillary equipment that would normally be found in a laboratory and/or is relatively easily procured by the organization or through other NIFA grant programs. Rather, it is intended to help fund items of equipment that will upgrade infrastructure. Moreover, EGP does not fund research projects, including research that uses the equipment acquired with support from the program nor does it support the operation and maintenance of facilities.

EGP Research projects support the purchase of equipment that will be used for fundamental or applied research:

- a. *Fundamental research* is research that increases knowledge or understanding of the fundamental aspects of phenomena and has the potential for broad application and has positive influence on the food and agriculture sciences.
- b. *Applied research* is research that includes expansion of the finding of fundamental research to uncover practical ways in which new food and agriculture science knowledge can be advanced to benefit individuals and society.

Eligibility

UTSA is eligible as a Hispanic-serving institution.

Application Limit

An eligible institution may not submit more than three (3) applications to this program as a lead institution.

Award Amount

\$500,000 and up to three (3) years in duration.

Application Process

See the attached **Internal Proposal Instructions** for this application. These instructions supersede the standard limited submission application guidelines.

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Cost Share Requirement

The EGP has no matching requirement.

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 (Required; See Guidelines)	Limited Submission Application Due	Selection Notification	Full Proposal Due to Funder
Not Required	May 13, 2020	May 18, 2020	June 23, 2020

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

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