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Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competition: USDA: NIFA Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program  
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Dear UNM Researchers,

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 must include/address one or more of the following goals:

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

### **Project and Grant Types:**

The following describes the types of projects or grants that are eligible for funding:

1. **Project Type**
  - a. **Education/Teaching Projects.** Single-function Education/Teaching Projects develop human capital relevant to overall program goals for U.S. agriculture. Projects should focus on developing skills necessary for entry- and mid-level technical employment or for entering graduate programs in FANH.
2. **Grant Types** There are three grant types for the HSIs Education Grants Program: Regular, Collaboration, and Conference grants. (Regular are not limited.)
  - a. **Collaboration Grants** for this program must be submitted by a group of two or more HSIs forming a linkage arrangement for the purpose of carrying out common objective(s) on the group's behalf. The arrangement must be formed to promote and strengthen the institutional abilities to carry out higher education programs related to FANH. Collaboration grants must support Education/Teaching Projects. Collaboration grants for Community Development Projects will not be accepted. Collaboration Grants will be funded up to approximately \$1,000,000 total, and must be for a project period of four years.

- b. **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 three years. Conference grants are not renewable. Indirect costs are not permitted on Conference Grant awards.

Applicants of regular, collaboration, or conference grants are encouraged, but not required, to partner with a USDA agency to leverage resources and expertise for the proposed project.

More details can be found at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=345692>. The deadline for submitting full proposals to the agency is March 30, 2023 for Collaboration grants and March 31, 2023 for Conference grants.

This is a limited competition. **An institution may not submit more than two Collaboration and two Conference applications to this program, as a lead institution each year. There is no limit on the number of Regular applications submitted by an institution.** If you are interested in submitting to this program, please send a statement of interest with a tentative project title and a brief description (200 words) by **NOON, February 22, 2023**. Submit your statement of interest via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). Based on the number of responses received, the Limited Competitions Management Team may announce a call for pre-proposals. Please distribute this notice to departments and individuals whom you believe would be interested.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu).

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