

International Science and Education Competitive Grants Program

Purpose

The International Science and Education (ISE) competitive grants program supports innovative campus-based activities that will enhance the capabilities of American colleges and universities to conduct international collaborative research, extension, and teaching in agriculture and related fields. ISE-funded projects promote international research partnerships, help develop curricula, enhance the use and application of foreign technologies in the U.S., and strengthen the role that colleges and universities play in maintaining U.S. agribusiness competitiveness in today's global economy. The program's intent is to improve the ability of American students, business people, and community members to compete more effectively in the global world of agriculture.

Awards

Up to to \$100,000. Award duration is 1 to 4 years.

Who May Apply

- 1862 Land-Grant Institutions;
- 1890 Land-Grant Institutions;
- 1994 Land-Grant Institutions (offering bachelor degrees);
- Private institutions of higher education;
- State controlled institutions of higher education.

For additional information on who can apply, please refer to the program Request for Applications (RFA).

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Funding Restrictions

- lead institutions may submit no more than two proposals;
- only one grant can be awarded to the principal or lead institution;
- program funds cannot be used for renovation or refurbishment of research, education, or extension space; fixed equipment purchase or installation; or building or facility planning, repair, rehabilitation, acquisition, or construction;
- indirect costs are limited to 20% of total funds awarded or 25% of total direct costs.



Emphasis

The first cycle of ISE grant proposals was approved in 2005. Examples include:

- producing globally competent graduates;
- enhancing international content of curricula at U.S. educational institutions;
- promoting international partnerships;
- identifying improved agricultural processes through collaborative research;
- increasing competitiveness and responses to farmers' needs through extension partnerships;
- enabling U.S. producers to operate successfully in the global arena.

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