

# Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program

## Purpose

The Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program (MSP) competitive grants program seeks to increase the multicultural diversity of the food and agricultural scientific and professional workforce, and advance the educational achievement of all Americans by providing competitive grants to colleges and universities. Training awards are provided for:

- students who are U.S. citizens or U.S. nationals to pursue baccalaureate or first professional level programs in food and agricultural science disciplines;
- current USDA Multicultural Scholars to participate in experiential learning opportunities in the food and agricultural sciences.

## Awards

\$48,000 and \$240,000. Award duration is up to 5 years.

## Impacts

- enabled recruitment and training of first-generation-college and traditionally underrepresented students in the food and agricultural sciences;

## Who May Apply

Institutions that offer baccalaureate degree or first professional degree programs in at least one discipline of the food and agricultural sciences **and** are either:

1. U.S. public or private non-profit colleges and universities, or
2. land-grant colleges and universities, including land-grant institutions in insular areas.

Other institutions are encouraged to form partnerships/collaborations with institutions in 1 or 2.

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- provided student experiential learning opportunities for beneficiaries to build skills and knowledge in the food and agricultural sciences;
- increased the postsecondary participation and graduation rates of traditionally underrepresented students in first professional and baccalaureate degrees in the food and agricultural sciences;
- increased multicultural student pipelining to graduate education in the food and agricultural sciences;
- advanced the multicultural diversity of the food and agricultural scientific and professional workforce.



The purpose of this competitive undergraduate scholarship grant program is to increase the multicultural diversity of the food and agricultural scientific and professional workforce, and advance the educational achievement of all Americans by providing competitive grants to colleges and universities. The MSP is available every other year.

MSP will provide funds for a limited number of undergraduate scholarships to support students in the food and agricultural sciences. To allow for maximum flexibility under the program, institutions may apply for funds to support any combination of 2-, 3-, and/or 4-year scholarships. In lieu of indirect costs, institutions may receive an annual cost-of-education allowance for each Scholar supported by an award.

No MSP awards will be made directly to students. Eligible institutions propose projects in any discipline(s) or subject matter areas(s) of the food and agricultural sciences and select scholarship recipients. Students must apply for MSP scholarships through procedures established by the individual institutions.

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