

**RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
THE GRANTS OFFICE
PRELIMINARY FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FACT SHEET**

TITLE:	Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program (HSI)	
FUNDING SOURCE:	U.S. Department of Agriculture – National Institute of Food & Agriculture	
AWARD AMOUNT:	<p>Regular Project: up to \$250,000 (total) plus an additional \$50,000 (if requested) to support one underrepresented student)</p> <p>Collaboration Project: up to \$450,000 (total) plus an additional \$50,000 (if requested) to support one underrepresented student).</p>	<p>NUMBER OF AWARDS: Not stated, but estimated total amount available is \$9.2 million</p>
REQUIRED MATCH:	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
FUNDING DURATION:	24 – 36 months	
DEADLINE:	<p>Letter of Intent: N/A</p> <p>Full Proposal Due: February 16, 2010 (EST)</p>	
OVERVIEW	<p>The Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program is a competitive grants program intended to:promote and strengthen the ability of HSI’s to carry out higher education programs that attract, retain, and graduate outstanding students capable of enhancing the nation’s food, agricultural, and natural resource scientific and professional workforce.</p> <p>The HSI Education Grants Program encourages innovative teaching enhancement projects with the potential for regional or national impact to serve as models for other institutions. While research and extension activities may be included in a funded HSI Education Grants Program project, the primary focus must be to improve teaching within a degree-granting program.</p>	
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:	<p><u>Project Types</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Regular – the applicant or the applicant and one other HSI will be involved in the execution of the project. ⊕ Collaboration: a project in which a group of four or more HSI form a cooperative arrangement for the purpose of carrying out common objective(s) on the group’s behalf for the purpose of promoting and strengthening their abilities to carry out higher education programs in the food and agricultural sciences. <p><u>Program Goals (2)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ <i>To increase the number of underrepresented graduates with an associate or a baccalaureate (or higher) degree in the food, agricultural and natural resource sciences, and. . . .</i> ⊕ <i>To increase the quality of postsecondary instruction within these disciplines</i> <p><u>Priority Need Areas (4)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⊕ Strengthen institutional educational capacities in order to respond to identified State, regional, national, or international educational needs in the 	

	<p>food and agricultural sciences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Attract and support undergraduate and graduate students from underrepresented groups in order to prepare them for careers related to the food, agricultural, and natural resource systems of the United States. ■ Facilitate cooperative initiatives between two or more HSI or between HSI and units of State government or the private sector. ■ Support the activities of HSI's to enhance educational equity for underrepresented students. <p><u>Educational Need Areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Curricula Design, Materials Development, and Library Resources (including development of courses of study and degree programs). ■ Faculty Preparation and Enhancement for Teaching ■ Instruction Delivery Systems ■ Scientific Instrumentation for Teaching ■ Student Experiential Learning ■ Student Recruitment and Retention (including student financial assistance.)
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ANALYSIS:

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Additional program information is located at:
<http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/hispanicservinginstitutionseducationhep.cfm>
Please share this information with appropriate personnel. For more information, contact the Grants Office at (951) 222-8541.