

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Cooperative State Research,
Education, and Extension Service****Solicitation for Applications for Fiscal
Year 1996 National Research Initiative
Competitive Grants Program,
Amendment**

The National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program (NRICGP) published a solicitation for Applications for Fiscal Year 1996 on Friday, October 13, 1995 (60 FR 53476). The NRICGP amends this solicitation to include the following definitions.

Project Types**II. Agricultural Research Enhancement
Awards**

(c) Strengthening Awards: Institutions in USDA EPSCoR states are eligible for strengthening awards. For FY 1996, USDA EPSCoR states consist of the following:

Alaska
Arkansas
Connecticut
Delaware
Hawaii
Idaho
Maine
Mississippi
Montana
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Mexico
North Dakota
Rhode Island
South Carolina
South Dakota
Vermont
West Virginia
Wyoming

All U.S. territories and possessions, including the District of Columbia.

Investigators at small and mid-size institutions (total enrollment of 15,000 or less) may also be eligible for Strengthening Awards. An institution in this instance is an organization that possesses a significant degree of autonomy, as determined by reference to the December, 1994 issue of the Codebook for Compatible Statistical Reporting of Federal Support to Universities, Colleges, and Nonprofit Institutions, prepared by Quantum Research Corporation for the National Science Foundation. Copies may be obtained from Quantum Research Corporation, 7315 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 631W, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Institutions which are among the top 100 universities and colleges, except those in USDA EPSCoR states, are ineligible for strengthening awards. The top 100 institutions, as published in

Selected Data on Federal Support to Universities and Colleges, Fiscal Year 1993 (National Science Foundation, NSF 95-320), are as follows:

Baylor College of Medicine
Boston University
California Institute of Technology
Carnegie-Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Colorado State University
Columbia University
Cornell University
CUNY Mount Sinai School of Medicine
Duke University
Emory University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Harvard University
Indiana University
Iowa State University of Science and Technology
John Hopkins University
Louisiana State University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Michigan State University
New York University
North Carolina State University at Raleigh
Northwestern University
Ohio State University
Oregon Health Sciences University
Oregon State University
Pennsylvania State University
Princeton University
Purdue University
Rockefeller University
Rutgers the State University of New Jersey
Stanford University
State University of New York Stony Brook
State University of New York at Buffalo
Texas A&M University
Thomas Jefferson University
Tufts University
University of Alabama Birmingham
University of Arizona
University of California Santa Barbara
University of California San Francisco
University of California Irvine
University of California San Diego
University of California Davis
University of California Los Angeles
University of California Berkeley
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado
University of Dayton
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Illinois Urbana
University of Illinois Chicago
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Maryland Baltimore Prof Sch
University of Maryland College Park
University of Massachusetts Amherst

University of Massachusetts Med Schl Worcester
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
University of Southern California
University of Tennessee Knoxville
University of Texas Health Science Center Houston
University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
University of Texas Health Sci. Center San Antonio
University of Texas at Austin
University of Texas SW Medical Center Dallas
University of Utah
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin Madison
Utah State University
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Polytech Institute and State University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Wake Forest University
Washington University
Washington State University
Wayne State University
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute
Yeshiva University

See the FY 1996 Program Description for complete details on programs and eligibility.

Conflicts of Interest

For purposes of conflict of interest, determination of academic and administrative autonomy of an institution will be made by reference to the December, 1994 issue of the Codebook for Compatible Statistical Reporting of Federal Support to Universities, Colleges, and Nonprofit Institutions, prepared by Quantum Research Corporation for the National Science Foundation. Copies may be obtained from Quantum Research Corporation, 7315 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 631W, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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