

# 1994 Institutions Research Program

## **Increased investment needed for critical research projects conducted by Tribal Colleges and Universities.**

American Indian communities across the United States are served by tribal institutions of higher education awarded land-grant status under an act approved by Congress in 1994. Currently, 31 Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) located in 11 states are deemed 1994 Land-Grant Institutions. These TCUs are eligible to compete for grants awarded under the 1994 Institutions Research Program administered by the USDA's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES).

This program provides the 1994 Land-Grant Institutions with resources to conduct fundamental and/or applied research that addresses high priority concerns of tribal, national, or multi-state significance. It addresses food and agricultural sciences, including: sustainable agriculture or forestry; biotechnology and bioprocessing; agribusiness management and marketing; plant and animal breeding and aquaculture; human nutrition (including health, obesity, and diabetes); and family, community, and rural development. Some examples:

- The College of Menominee Nation in Wisconsin is collecting and analyzing data concerning forest health and sustainability that will help its tribal forest managers meet the growing demand for forest products while protecting the environment for future generations.
- Fort Berthold Community College in North Dakota is conducting agricultural trials to determine the economic feasibility of local Juneberry production. Juneberries are an important source of nutrition in many tribal communities.

***This vital competitive grants program has many demonstrated successes and deserves an increased investment in FY 2009.***

### **NASULGC'S PRIORITY REQUEST FOR FY 2009**

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### **1994 Land-Grant Institutions are...**

Tribal Colleges and Universities granted land-grant status under the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 to serve their constituents through higher education programs involving teaching, community outreach, and research. The 1994 Institutions primarily serve American Indian populations in remote, underserved communities through culturally relevant curriculum and programs.

### **1994 Land-Grant Institutions are located in the following states:**

Arizona, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Affiliated with NASULGC, the 1994 Institutions are represented by the American Indian Higher Education Consortium: [www.aihec.org](http://www.aihec.org)



**NASULGC**, A Public University Association, represents 217 U.S. universities and has members in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories.

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<b>Appropriations Bill</b>	Agriculture
<b>Agency</b>	Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (USDA)
<b>Account</b>	Research and Education Activities
<b>Project (Program) Name</b>	1994 Institutions Research Program

**Requested Amount**      **\$3,000,000**

<b>Authorization</b>	7 U.S.C. 301, (Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994)
<b>Description</b>	This CSREES <u>program</u> provides competitively-awarded grants for research to address the problems unique to Native American people and communities.
<b>Benefits / Impacts</b>	The 1994 Institutions Research Program benefits America by providing research capacity to:
<b>Justification / Explanation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Improve knowledge concerning the complex linkages between food, culture, and diet-related illness such as obesity and diabetes.</li> <li>■ Preserve the natural resources of America and tribal nations.</li> <li>■ Maintain the economic competitiveness of food producers that operate on tribal lands.</li> <li>■ Cooperate with universities within the land-grant system to address the research needs of American Indians throughout the nation.</li> </ul>

## Funding History

<b>FY 2009 (President's Budget)</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>
\$1,067,000	\$1,533,000	\$1,544,000	\$1,029,000	\$1,078,000	\$1,087,000

## Misc. Information

<b>Matching Funds</b>	By statute, eligible institutions are not required to provide a match.
<b>Final Recipients</b>	Eligibility is defined by statute to include the 1994 Land-Grant Institutions.
<b>Note for Senate Offices</b>	Funding is <u>not</u> being requested for this program through another appropriations bill.

**Additional Information** > [www.nasulgc-bac.com/kb.htm](http://www.nasulgc-bac.com/kb.htm)