

Insular Area Resident Instruction Grants

Continued funding for food and agricultural science projects needed by land-grant universities within the U.S. insular areas.

This relatively new CSREES program promotes and strengthens the ability of insular area land-grant institutions to carry out teaching and education programs in the food and agricultural sciences. By strengthening institutional educational capacities in instruction and curriculum, and enhancing the quality of teaching and learning, this program helps the insular area institutions meet their unique needs. It also helps these institutions make more efficient use of existing educational funds by providing resources for partnerships between faculties at insular area and mainland institutions. The program has two goals:

- Increase the number of graduates with an associate (or higher) degree in the food and agricultural sciences.
- Help students achieve their career goals and help meet workplace needs by increasing the quality of undergraduate instruction through: modernizing instructional technologies and methodologies; updating curricula content; and developing students' analytical, interpersonal, leadership, communications, problem-solving, computational, and decision-making skills and abilities.

Eligible insular area land-grant institutions include: University of Puerto Rico; University of Guam; University of the Virgin Islands; American Samoa Community College; Northern Mariana Islands University; and the College of Micronesia-FSM.

The land-grant universities in the U.S. insular areas have many diverse and urgent unmet needs. The Resident Instruction Grants program is beginning to have tremendous positive effects. When Congress considers the FY 2009 Agriculture Appropriations bill, funding for this program should be provided at no less than the FY 2008 level of \$745,000.



This program provides grants to...

- Strengthen institutional education capacities, including libraries, curriculum, faculty, scientific instrumentation, instruction delivery systems, and student recruitment and retention.
- Attract and support undergraduate and graduate students in order to educate them in identified areas of national need in the food and agricultural sciences.
- Facilitate cooperative initiatives between two or more Insular Area Institutions, or between Insular Area Institutions and units of state government or organizations in the private sector, to maximize the development and use of resources such as faculty, facilities, and equipment to improve food and agricultural sciences teaching programs.
- Conduct undergraduate scholarship programs to assist in meeting national needs for training food and agricultural scientists.



NASULGC'S PRIORITY REQUEST FOR FY 2009

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Appropriations Bill	Agriculture
Agency	Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (USDA)
Account	Research and Education Activities
Project (Program) Name	Insular Area Resident Instruction Grants

Requested Amount **\$745,000**

Authorization 7 U.S.C. 3363, (Section 1491 of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Act of 1977, as amended.)

Description This CSREES program provides funding to help land-grant universities in the U.S. insular areas develop education and training programs while working in collaboration with leading universities on the mainland.

Benefits / Impacts
Justification / Explanation

- The Insular Area Resident Instruction Grants program promotes and strengthens the ability of insular area land-grant institutions to carry out teaching and education programs in the food and agricultural sciences.
- It also helps these institutions make more efficient use of existing educational funds by providing resources for partnerships between faculties at insular area and mainland institutions.
- The program is designed to increase the number of graduates with an associate (or higher) degree in the food and agricultural sciences.
- Its is also designed to help students achieve their career goals and help meet workplace needs by increasing the quality of undergraduate instruction through: modernizing instructional technologies and methodologies; updating curricula content; and developing students' analytical, interpersonal, leadership, communications, problem-solving, computational, and decision-making skills and abilities.

Funding History

FY 2009 (President's Budget)	FY 2008	FY 2007	FY 2006	FY 2005
\$495,000	\$745,000	\$495,000	\$495,000	\$496,000

Misc. Information

Matching Funds There is no matching fund requirement for this program.

Final Recipients 1862 Land-Grant Universities in the Insular Areas (Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Micronesia, and Northern Marianas).

Note for Senate Offices Funding is not being requested for this program through another appropriations bill.

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