

# APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

## Evans-Allen Program

*Primary research program at the 1890 land-grant universities needs enhanced federal investment to benefit the unique stakeholders of the 1890 Institutions and the nation as a whole.*

America's land-grant university system traces its origins to the Morrill Acts of 1862 and 1890. The First Morrill Act established a land-grant university in every state and the Second Morrill Act extended land-grant status to historically-black public universities in southern states where, due to segregation, African-American students were barred from attending the 1862 land-grant universities.

The Evans-Allen Act of 1977 was approved by Congress to provide capacity funding for food and agricultural research at the 1890 land-grant universities and Tuskegee University (the 1890 Institutions) in a manner similar to that provided to the 1862 universities under the Hatch Act of 1887. Research conducted under the Evans-Allen Program has led to hundreds of scientific breakthroughs of benefit to both the unique stakeholders of the 1890 Institutions and the nation as a whole.

The Evans-Allen Program has been extremely important in allowing the 1890 Institutions to attract top-notch scientists to their campuses, conduct high-quality research, and become more fully integrated within the land-grant system.

One agriculture dean described the Evans-Allen Program this way: *"Like the great George Washington Carver before us, we are working to address the issues and challenges of our times... advancing knowledge and practice in areas such as: plant and animal biotechnology; sustainability in food and environmental systems; cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and other nutritional concerns that affect our nation and the world, especially those left behind."*

**A·P·L·U strongly supports the 1890 Institutions research efforts and urges Congress to increase funding for the Evans-Allen Program to \$55 million in the FY 2011 appropriation for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.**



### A·P·L·U PRIORITY REQUEST FOR FY 2011

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#### The Evans-Allen Program benefits the nation through:

- Improved nutrition and health of urban and rural populations with an emphasis on obesity.
- Development of economically competitive and sustainable small-scale agricultural systems.
- Improved crop diversity and alternative crops and marketing strategies for farmers.
- Increased biobased energy production.
- Greater food safety and improved nutritional quality.
- Better natural resource and environmental management/stewardship.
- Creation of new value-added plant and animal products.
- A focus on the education of students from minority and socially disadvantaged communities for a strong and diverse agricultural workforce.

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<b>Appropriations Bill</b>	Agriculture				
<b>Agency</b>	National Institute of Food and Agriculture				
<b>Account</b>	Research and Education Activities				
<b>Program Name</b>	Evans-Allen Program (1890 Universities and Tuskegee University)				
<b>Requested Amount</b>	<b>\$55,000,000</b>				
<b>Authorization</b>	7 U.S.C. 3222, (Sec. 1445, Research Act of 1977).				
<b>Description</b>	This NIFA program provides funding to support agricultural research at the 1890 Land-Grant Institutions, including Tuskegee University. Funds are distributed to eligible institutions under a statutory formula.				
<b>Benefits/Impacts</b>	<p>The Evans-Allen program provides critical base funding for the agricultural research programs at the 1890 Institutions. America realizes a substantial return on this investment, as these campuses are powerful economic instruments of their states and the nation. Evans-Allen Program funding at the 1890 Institutions benefits the nation through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Improved nutrition and health of urban and rural populations with an emphasis on obesity.</li> <li>■ Development of economically competitive and sustainable small-scale agricultural systems.</li> <li>■ Improved crop diversity and alternative crops and marketing strategies for farmers.</li> <li>■ Increased biobased energy production.</li> <li>■ Greater food safety and improved nutritional quality.</li> <li>■ Better natural resource and environmental management/stewardship.</li> <li>■ Creation of new value-added plant and animal products.</li> <li>■ A focus on the education of students from minority and socially disadvantaged communities for a strong and diverse agricultural workforce.</li> </ul>				
<b>Funding History</b>					
<b>FY 2011 President's Budget</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>
\$48,500,000	\$48,500,000	\$45,504,000	\$41,051,000	\$40,680,000	\$37,215,000
<b>Misc. Information</b>					
<b>Matching Funds</b>	By statute, eligible institutions are required to provide a 1:1 match.				
<b>Final Recipients</b>	1890 Land-Grant Universities and Tuskegee University (the 1890 institutions).				
<b>Note for Senate Offices</b>	Funding is not being requested for this program through another appropriations bill.				
<b>Additional Information</b>	<a href="http://www.land-grant.org/kb.html">www.land-grant.org/kb.html</a>				

The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, represents 218 U.S. universities and has members in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories.