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HIGHER EDUCATION MULTICULTURAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

PROGRAM SUMMARY

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Launched in July 1994, the Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program is a competitive grants program enabling colleges and universities to award scholarships to outstanding students from groups traditionally underrepresented in the food and agricultural sciences and to encourage these students to pursue and complete their education at the postsecondary level. The expectation is that the racial and ethnic diversity of the food and agricultural scientific and professional workforce will increase, the educational achievement of minority Americans will advance, and the goals for workforce diversity within the Federal government will be achieved, particularly the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

For the FY 2000-2001 program, proposals could be submitted by any U.S. college or university offering baccalaureate degree programs in at least one discipline of the food and agricultural sciences, or offering a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.) degree. Scholarship grants were not made directly to students; rather, scholarship recipients are to be selected by the colleges and universities receiving grant awards. Where an articulation or bridging agreement exists with an eligible four-year institution, students attending two-year institutions also may be able to participate in the program. Scholarship recipients must be citizens or nationals of the United States or citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau and newly recruited to a course of study leading to a baccalaureate degree in the food and agricultural sciences or to a D.V.M. degree.

For the FY 2000-2001 program, \$1.9978 million were appropriated, including \$1 million of funds carried over from FY 2000 and \$997.8 thousand from FY 2001. Of that amount, \$1,867,491 were available for project grant awards after subtracting administrative costs (see page 14 for breakdown). These funds were used to support multicultural scholarships grants in the following areas of emphasis: Agriculture, Conservation and Renewable Natural Resources, Family and Consumer Sciences, Forestry, Veterinary Medicine, and closely allied disciplines.

A total of 48 proposals, requesting \$4,415,000 in support for 244 scholarships, were received for funding consideration. In November 2000, the grant applications were evaluated by a 12-member peer review panel. Based on the deliberations of the panel, a total of 22 awards supporting 96 undergraduate scholarships were made to 22 different institutions in 20 States across the Nation. The following charts present information on the grants awarded under the FY 2000-2001 Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program.

Table 1. FUNDING REQUESTS BY EMPHASIS AREAS

<u>Targeted Emphasis Area</u>	<u>No. of Proposals Received</u>	<u>Funds Requested</u>
Agribusiness Management and Marketing	2	\$200,000
Conservation and Renewable Natural Resources (includes Forestry)	5	\$455,000
Environmental Sciences/Management	1	\$80,000
Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Nutrition/Dietetics	7	\$610,000
Food Science/Technology	2	\$200,000
General Food and Agricultural Sciences	20	\$1,870,000
Human Nutrition/Dietetics	4	\$400,000
Engineering	1	\$60,000
Veterinary Medicine/Animal Science	5	\$480,000
Other Closely Allied Disciplines	1	\$60,000
TOTAL	48	\$4,415,000

Table 2. FUNDING DECISIONS BY EMPHASIS AREA

<u>Targeted Emphasis Area</u>	<u>No. Proposals Funded</u>	<u>Funds Awarded</u>	<u>No. Scholars Supported</u>
Agribusiness Management and Marketing	1	\$100,000	5
Conservation and Renewable Natural Resources (includes Forestry)	4	\$370,000	19
Engineering	1	\$59,460.77	3
Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Nutrition/Dietetics	3	\$300,000	16
General Food and Agricultural Sciences	11	\$868,030.58	44
Human Nutrition/Dietetics	1	\$100,000	5
Veterinary Medicine/Animal Science	1	\$80,000	4
TOTAL	22	\$1,867,491.35	96

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Table 3.a. Scholarship Grants: Agribusiness Management and Marketing

<u>University and Department and Scholars Program</u>	<u>Principal Project Director</u>	<u>Funds Awarded</u>	<u>Number of Scholars Supported</u>
Pennselvania State University: Multicultural Scholars Program Penn State U.	Catherine G. Lyons	\$100,000	5
TOTAL		\$100,000	5

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Table 3.b. Scholarship Grants: Conservation and Renewable Natural Resources(includes Forestry)

University and Department and Scholars Program	Principal Project Director	Funds Awarded	Number of Scholars Supported
University of Vermont and State Agricultural College: Multicultural Scholars Program at UVM School of Natural Resources	Donald H. DeHayes	\$80,000	4
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Laurence D. Moore	\$100,000	5
Northern Arizona University	Ronald L. Trosper	\$90,000	5
State University of New York at Bingham	Charles A. Hall	\$100,000	5
TOTAL		\$370,000	19

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Table 3.c. Scholarship Grants: Engineering

<u>University and Department and Scholars Program</u>	<u>Principal Project Director</u>	<u>Funds Awarded</u>	<u>Number of Scholars Supported</u>
Iowa State University: Crossroads Model to Increase Diversity in Agriculture	Jenni L. Briggs	\$59,460.77	3
TOTAL		\$59,460.77	3

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Table 3.d. Scholarship Grants: Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Nutrition/Dietetics

<u>University and Department and Scholars Program</u>	<u>Principal Project Director</u>	<u>Funds Awarded</u>	<u>Number of Scholars Supported</u>
University of Tennessee: Service Management Multicultural Scholars Program	Nancy J. Flair	\$100,000	6
Cornell University The Strength of Diversity: A Multicultural Scholars Program	Jennifer Gerner	\$100,000	5
Eastern New Mexico University	Merlene Olmsted	\$100,000	5
TOTAL		\$300,000	16

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Table 3.e. Scholarship Grants: General Food and Agricultural Sciences

Department and Scholars Program	Project Director	Funds Awarded	Scholars Supported
University of Rhode Island Strengthening and Diversifying our Future Workforce in the Food and Agricultural Sciences	William R. Wright	\$100,000	5
Cal Poly State University Foundation: Multicultural Agricultural Scholars Program at Cal Poly	David J. Wehner	\$90,000	5

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Table 3.e. Scholarship Grants: General Food and Agricultural Sciences (continued)

University and Department and Scholars Program	Principal Project Director	Funds Awarded	Number of Scholars Supported
California State University, Fresno USDA Multicultural Scholars Program	Dennis L. Nef	\$99,101.28	5
University of Idaho: College of Agriculture Multicultural Scholars Program	Mark D. Heitstuman	\$100,000	5
Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois: Multicultural Scholars in Agriculture	Jesse Carlton Thompson	\$39,867.78	2
University of Hawaii at Manoa: "Multicultural Scholars Program"	Allene E.F. Chun	\$39,867.78	2
Truman State University: Truman Multicultural Scholars Program in Agricultural Science	Michael Seipel	\$100,000	5

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<u>University and Department and Scholars Program</u>	<u>Principal Project Director</u>	<u>Funds Awarded</u>	<u>Number of Scholars Supported</u>
Michigan State University: Enhancing Undergraduate Diversity in Agriculture & Natural Resources	Marquita T. Chamblee	\$100,000	5
Ohio State University: Multicultural Scholars Support Program	L.H. Newcomb	\$75,000	3
South Dakota State University: USDA Multicultural Scholars	Timothy J. Nichols	\$74,325.96	5
Clemson University: Multicultural Scholars Program in Agriculture and Food	William B. Wehrenberg	\$39,867.78	2
	Total	\$868,030.58	44

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Table 3.f. Scholarship Grants: Human Nutrition/Dietetics

University and Department and Scholars Program	Principal Project Director	Funds Awarded	Number of Scholars Supported
Oklahoma State University: Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program	Lea Ebro	\$100,000	5
TOTAL		\$100,000	5

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Table 3.g. Scholarship Grants: Veterinary Medicine/Animal Sciences

University and Department and Scholars Program	Principal Project Director	Funds Awarded	Number of Scholars Supported
University of Connecticut: Enhancing Diversity in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Connecticut	Suman Singha	\$80,000	4
Total		\$80,000	4

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Fiscal Years 2000/01 Recipients
(In Dollars)

Recipient 2000/2001	Actual	Number	State
University of Rhode Island	\$100,000	5	RI
Northern Arizona University	\$ 90,000	5	AZ
State University of New York at Binghamton . . .	\$100,000	5	NY
University of Idaho	\$100,000	5	ID
California Polytechnic State University	\$ 90,000	5	CA
University of Tennessee	\$100,000	6	TN
Pennsylvania State University	\$100,000	5	PA
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University .	\$100,000	5	VA
Oklahoma State University	\$100,000	5	OK
Cornell University	\$100,000	5	NY
Truman State University	\$100,000	5	MO
University of Connecticut	\$ 80,000	4	CT
Michigan State University	\$100,000	5	MI
University of Vermont	\$ 80,000	4	VT
Eastern New Mexico University	\$100,000	5	NM
Ohio State University	\$ 75,000	3	OH
South Dakota State University	\$ 74,326	5	SD
California State University; Fresno	\$ 99,101	5	CA
Iowa State University	\$ 59,461	3	IA
University of Illinois	\$ 39,867.78	2	IL
Clemson University	\$ 39,867.78	2	SC
University of Hawaii	\$ 39,867.78	2	HI
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Subtotal	\$1,867,491.34	96	
Funds Appropriated (FY 2001)	\$997,800	Number of proposals	48
Funds Carried Forward to Fiscal Year 2001	\$1,000,000	Amount requested	\$4,415,000
--		Number of scholarships requested	244
Total Funds Available	\$1,997,800	Number of awards	22
		Number of scholarships supported	96
<u>Deductions</u>			
Awards to States	\$1,867,491.35		
Federal Administration FY00 (4%)	\$40,000		
Federal Administration FY01 (4%)	\$39,912		
Panel Costs	\$10,196.65		
Other Deductions	40,200		
Total Funds Expended	\$1,997,800		

