

**FY 2002
HIGHER EDUCATION MULTICULTURAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

PROGRAM SUMMARY

and

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

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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 2002 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 2002 program, \$998 thousand were appropriated. Of that amount, \$929,405, were available for project grant awards after subtracting administrative costs (see page 11 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 36 proposals, requesting \$3,469,450, were received for funding consideration. In October 2002, the grant applications were evaluated by a 13-member peer review panel. Based on the deliberations of the panel, a total of 11 awards for a total of \$955,000, supporting 58 undergraduate scholarships were made. De-obligated monies from previous years were used to cover the deficit of \$25,595 between the funds available for project grants in FY 2002 and the total awards made. The FY 2002 grant recipients comprised of 10 different institutions in 8 States and 1 institution in the Insular Areas of the nation. The following charts present information on the grants awarded under the FY 2002 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	1	\$100,000
Conservation and Renewable Natural Resources (includes Forestry)	4	\$335,000
Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Nutrition/Dietetics	6	\$510,000
Food Science/Technology	1	\$100,000
General Food and Agricultural Sciences	16	\$1,570,000
Human Nutrition/Dietetics	2	\$140,000
Veterinary Medicine/Animal Science	3	\$300,000
Plant Science	2	\$314,450
Related Biological Sciences	1	\$100,000
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TOTAL	36	\$3,469,450

Table 2. FUNDING DECISIONS BY EMPHASIS AREA

<u>Targeted Emphasis Area</u>	<u>No. Proposals</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>No. Scholars</u>
Agribusiness Management and Marketing	0		
Conservation and Renewable Natural Resources (includes Forestry)	3	\$235,000	12
Family and Consumer Sciences	2	\$200,000	16
Food Science/Technology	0		
General Food and Agricultural Sciences	4	\$380,000	23
Human Nutrition/Dietetics	1	\$ 40,000	2
Veterinary Medicine/Animal Science	1	\$100,000	5
Plant Science	0		
Related Biological Sciences	0		
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TOTAL	11	\$955,000	58

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

<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 Vermont and State Agricultural College	Donald H. DeHayes	\$80,000	4
University of Florida	D. L. Rockwood	\$60,000	3
Northern Arizona University	Ronald L. Trospen	\$95,000	5
TOTAL		\$235,000	12

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Table 3.b. 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:	Nancy J. Flair	\$100,000	6
Florida State University	Penny Ralston	\$100,000	10
TOTAL		\$200,000	16

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

<u>Department and Scholars Program</u>	<u>Project Director</u>	<u>Funds Awarded</u>	<u>Scholars Supported</u>
University of Guam	Jian Yang	\$100,000	7
Tennessee State University	Surendra P. Singh	\$80,000	6
Michigan State University	Marquita T. Chamblee	\$100,000	5
Purdue University	Ronald C. Coolbaugh	\$100,000	5
Total		\$380,000	23

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Table 3.d. Scholarship Grants: 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 North Dakota	Janice Goodwin	40,000	2
TOTAL		\$40,000	2

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

<u>University and Department and Scholars Program</u>	<u>Principal Project Director</u>	<u>Funds Awarded</u>	<u>Number of Scholars Supported</u>
Cornell University	Jai Sweet	\$100,000	5
Total		\$100,000	5

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 Fiscal Years 2002 Recipients
 (In Dollars)

<u>Recipient 2002</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>State</u>
Cornell University	100,000	5	NY
University of Guam	100,000	7	Guam
University of Vermont and State Agricultural College	80,000	4	VT
Tennessee State University	80,000	6	TN
The University of Tennessee	100,000	6	TN
University of Florida	60,000	3	FL
Purdue University	100,000	5	IN
Florida State University	100,000	10	FL
Northern Arizona University	95,000	5	AZ
Michigan State University	100,000	5	MI
University of North Dakota	40,000	2	ND
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Subtotal	\$955,000	58	

Funds Appropriated (FY 2002)	\$998,000
Funds Carried Forward to Fiscal Year 2002	\$25,595
Total Funds Available	\$1,023,595

Deductions

Awards to States	\$955,000
Federal Administration FY02 (4%)	\$39,920
Panel Costs	\$11,454
Other Deductions	\$17,221
Total Funds Expended	\$1,023,595

Number of proposals	36
Amount requested	\$3,469,450
Number of awards	11
Number of scholarships supported	58