

**FY 2003
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 2003 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 2003 program, \$992 thousand were appropriated. Of that amount, \$925,865, 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 31 proposals, requesting \$3,054,100, were received for funding consideration. In March 2003, the grant applications were evaluated by a 12-member peer review panel. Based on the deliberations of the panel, a total of 11 awards for a total of \$994,000, supporting 59 undergraduate scholarships were made. De-obligated monies from previous years were used to cover the deficit of \$68,135 between the funds available for project grants in FY 2003 and the total awards made. The FY 2003 grant recipients comprised of 11 different institutions in 10 States. The following charts present information on the grants awarded under the FY 2003 Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program.

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		
Family and Consumer Sciences	1	\$70,000	5
Food Science/Technology	2	\$200,000	12
General Food and Agricultural Sciences	5	\$444,000	26
Human Nutrition/Dietetics	1	\$ 80,000	6
Veterinary Medicine/Animal Science	1	\$100,000	5
Plant Science	1	\$100,000	5
TOTAL	11	\$994,000	59

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Table 3.a. Scholarship Grants: Food Sciences

<u>University and Department and Scholars Program</u>	<u>Principal Project Director</u>	<u>Funds Awarded</u>	<u>Number of Scholars Supported</u>
SUNY ESF College	Robin W. Kimmerer	\$100,000	5
Cornell University	Dennis D. Miller		\$100,000 7
TOTAL		\$200,000	12

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Table 3.b. 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 Rhode Island	Deborah Grossman-Garber	\$100,000	5
Utah State University	Daryll B. DeWald	\$54,000	4
Virginia Polytechnic State University	Laurence D. Moore	\$100,000	6
California Polytechnic State University	Terry L. Smith	\$90,000	5
South Dakota State University	Laurie S. Nichols	\$100,000	6
Total		\$444,000	26

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Table 3.c. 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 the Incarnate World	Beth C. Senne-Duff	80,000	6
TOTAL		\$80,000	6

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Table 3.d. 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>
University of Missouri	C. B. Chastain	\$100,000	5
Total		\$100,000	5

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Table 3.e. Scholarship Grants: Plant Sciences

University and Department and <u>Scholars Program</u>	Principal Project <u>Director</u>	Funds <u>Awarded</u>	Number of Scholars <u>Supported</u>
Mississippi State University	Lynn L. Reinschmiedt	\$100,000	5
TOTAL		\$100,000	5

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Table 3.f Scholarship Grants: Family and Consumer Sciences

<u>University and Department and Scholars Program</u>	<u>Principal Project Director</u>	<u>Funds Awarded</u>	<u>Number of Scholars Supported</u>
Northeastern State University	Alexandria Miller	\$70,000	5
TOTAL		\$70,000	5

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Fiscal Years 2003 Recipients
(In Dollars)

<u>Recipient</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>State</u>
Mississippi State University.....	100,000	5	MS
University of Rhode Island	100,000	5	RI
Cornell University	100,000	7	NY
University of Missouri	100,000	5	MO
Utah State University.....	54,000	4	UT
Virginia Polytechnic and State University	100,000	6	VA
SUNY ESF College	100,000	5	NY
University of Incarnate World	80,000	6	TX
California Polytechnic State University.....	90,000	5	CA
Northeastern State University	70,000	5	OK
South Dakota State University ..	100,000	6	SD
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Subtotal	\$994,000	59	

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Fiscal Years 2003 Funding and Expenses Summary**

Funds Appropriated (FY 2003)	\$991,513
Funds Carried Forward to Fiscal Year 2003	\$68,135
Total Funds Available..... .. .	\$1,059,648
 <u>Deductions</u>	
Awards to States	\$994,000
Federal Administration FY02 (4%)	\$39,661
Panel Costs	\$11,533
Other Deductions	\$14,454
Total Funds Expended	\$1,059,648
Number of proposals..... .. .	31
Amount requested..... .. .	\$3,054,100
Number of awards..... .. .	11
Number of scholarships supported..... .. .	59
