

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

1994 Institutions Research Program

Increased investment needed for critical research projects conducted by Tribal Colleges and Universities.

American Indian communities across the United States are served by tribal institutions of higher education awarded land-grant status in 1994. Currently, 32 Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) located in 12 states are deemed 1994 Land-Grant Institutions. These TCUs are eligible to compete for grants awarded under the 1994 Institutions Research Program administered by the USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA).

This program provides the 1994 Land-Grant Institutions with resources to conduct fundamental and/or applied research that addresses high priority concerns of tribal, national, or multistate significance. It addresses food and agricultural sciences, including: sustainable agriculture or forestry; biotechnology and bioprocessing; agribusiness management and marketing; plant and animal breeding and aquaculture; human nutrition (including health, obesity, and diabetes); and family, community, and rural development. Some examples:

- The College of Menominee Nation in Wisconsin is collecting and analyzing data concerning forest health and sustainability that will help its tribal forest managers meet the growing demand for forest products while protecting the environment for future generations.
- Turtle Mountain Community College in North Dakota is studying the spread of West Nile virus, which causes serious diseases in animals and people. Results of the study will assist tribal efforts in the surveillance, prevention and control of the mosquito-borne virus.

Despite such successes, the 1994 Institutions Research program has never received the funding support it deserves. As a result, many meritorious projects go unfunded. In FY 2008, for example, USDA was able to fund only five of the nine grant proposals received from eligible 1994 Institutions.

When it considers the FY 2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill, A.P.L.U. urges Congress to increase the 1994 Institutions Research program to \$3 million.



A.P.L.U. PRIORITY REQUEST FOR FY 2010

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1994 Land-Grant Institutions are...

Tribal Colleges and Universities granted land-grant status under the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 to serve their constituents through higher education programs involving teaching, community outreach, and research. The 1994 Institutions primarily serve American Indian populations in remote, underserved communities through culturally relevant curriculum and programs.

1994 Land-Grant Institutions are located in...

Alaska, Arizona, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Membership in A.P.L.U.

The 1994 Institutions comprise and are represented by the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC): www.aihec.org

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Appropriations Bill	Agriculture				
Agency	National Institute of Food and Agriculture (formerly Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service)				
Account	Research and Education Activities				
Program Name	1994 Institutions Research Program				
Requested Amount	\$3,000,000				
Authorization	7 U.S.C. 301, (Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994).				
Description	This NIFA program provides competitively-awarded grants for research to address the problems unique to Native American people and their communities.				
Benefits/Impacts	<p>The 1994 Institutions Research Program benefits America by providing research capacity to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Improve knowledge concerning the complex linkages between food, culture, and diet related illness such as obesity and diabetes. ■ Preserve the natural resources of America and Tribal nations. ■ Maintain the economic competitiveness of food producers that operate on Tribal lands. ■ Cooperate with other universities within the land-grant system to address the unique research needs of American Indians in Indian Country and throughout the nation. 				
Funding History					
FY 2010 President's Budget	FY 2009	FY 2008	FY 2007	FY 2006	FY 2005
\$1,610,000	\$1,610,000	\$1,533,000	\$1,544,000	\$1,029,000	\$1,078,000
Misc. Information					
Matching Funds	By statute, eligible institutions are not required to provide a match.				
Final Recipients	Eligibility is defined by statute to include the 1994 Land-Grant Institutions.				
Note for Senate Offices	Funding is not being requested for this program through another appropriations bill.				
Additional Information	www.land-grant.org/kb.htm				

The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, represents 217 U.S. universities and has members in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories.