



FACT SHEET

1890 LAND-GRANT UNIVERSITY INITIATIVES

The USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA) 890 Land-grant University programs are intended to strengthen research, teaching and Extension by building the institutional capacities of the 1890 Institutions. NIFA provides funding and support relating to institutional capacity building, research, scholarships and more. Several primary initiatives are specific to the 1890 Land-grant University system.

1890 INSTITUTION TEACHING, RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS PROGRAM

The 1890 Capacity Building Grants (CBG) program supports research, teaching and Extension by awarding grants that address key problems of national, regional and multi-institutional importance in sustaining all components of agriculture, including farm efficiency and profitability, ranching, renewable energy, forestry (both urban and agroforestry), aquaculture, rural communities and entrepreneurship, human nutrition, food safety, family and consumer sciences, biotechnology and conventional breeding. Providing this support requires the CBG program to build and strengthen research, teaching and Extension capacity needed to advance fundamental sciences as well as translational research and development in support of agriculture.

1890 FACILITIES GRANTS PROGRAM

The 1890 Facilities Grant Program is intended for the acquisition and improvement of agricultural and food sciences facilities and equipment, including libraries, so that the 1890 Land-grant Institutions may participate fully in the development of human capital in the food, agricultural and human sciences.

EVANS-ALLEN RESEARCH PROGRAM

The purpose of this funding is to support agricultural research activities at 1890 Land-grant Institutions.

1890 EXTENSION FORMULA GRANTS

The 1890 Extension Formula grants assist diverse audiences, particularly those who have limited social and economic resources, to improve their access to positive opportunities through outreach education. The funds provide useful, research-based educational opportunities that respond to the changing needs of limited-resource clients. The funds support farmers of small and medium-size family farms and new producers in owning and operating viable businesses; enhance the marketing skills of farmers and assist them in placing their products in local, national and global markets; assist small, limited-resource producers in developing marketing alternatives that enhance profitability; and enhance the ability of minority farmers and landowners to acquire adequate capital, adopt new technologies, and use estate planning and tax incentive programs to retain operations and increase profitability.

NIFA 1890 SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

The NIFA 1890 Scholarships Program provides scholarships to support recruiting, engaging, retaining, mentoring and training undergraduate students, resulting in baccalaureate degrees in the food and agricultural sciences and related fields. The scholarships are intended to encourage outstanding students to pursue and complete baccalaureate degrees in the food and agricultural sciences and related fields that will lead to a highly skilled food and agricultural systems workforce.



CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE AT 1890 INSTITUTIONS

This program provides support for Centers of Excellence (COE) that were originally established in 2015 in conjunction with the 125th anniversary of the Second Morrill Act of 1890. The 1890 COEs are hosted by 1890 Land-grant Universities with the goals of: 1) increasing profitability and rural prosperity in underserved farming communities; 2) addressing critical needs for enhanced international training and development; and 3) increasing diversity in the science, technology, engineering, agriculture and mathematics.

FEDERAL INTERNSHIPS AND EARLY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Most federal agencies offer internships and opportunities for recent graduates through the Pathways Program. The Pathways Program includes internships for students from high school through post-graduate school. Many of these federal internship opportunities can open the door for full-time jobs and serve as an excellent way of entering the federal workforce.

NIFA CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

NIFA recruits a diverse group of talented, creative, motivated professionals who are invested in shaping the future of food and agricultural science. NIFA offers a variety of benefits and services to its employees that focus on work-life balance, career enhancement, and health and well-being.

USDA 1890 NATIONAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The USDA 1890 National Scholars Program offers scholarships to U.S. citizens who are seeking a bachelor's degree at one of the 19 1890 Land-grant Universities in the field of agriculture, food, natural resource sciences or other related disciplines. High school and current college students are eligible to apply for the USDA 1890 National Scholars Program, which provides full tuition, fees, books, room and board, and a summer internship that may convert to full-time employment with USDA after graduation.

USDA INTERNSHIPS AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Start your career at USDA. Careers in agriculture are diverse, rewarding and in demand. USDA offers employment opportunities for students and recent graduates to work in the agricultural, science, technology, math, environmental, management, business and other fields.

USDA PATHWAYS PROGRAM

USDA offers federal internship and employment opportunities for current students, recent graduates, recent veterans, and those with advanced degrees. There are three pathway opportunities: Pathways Internship Program, Pathways Recent Graduates Program and the Presidential Management Fellows Program.

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The 1890 Land-grant University system consists of the following 19 universities: Alabama A&M, Alcorn State University, Central State University, Delaware State University, Florida A&M University, Fort Valley State University, Kentucky State University, Langston University, Lincoln University, North Carolina A&T State University, Prairie View A&M University, South Carolina State University, Southern University, Tennessee State University, Tuskegee University, University of Arkansas Pine Bluff, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Virginia State University and West Virginia State University.