



FACT SHEET

SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH PROGRAM

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program offers competitively awarded grants to qualified for-profit small businesses to support high-quality research related to important scientific problems and opportunities in agriculture that could lead to significant public benefits. The program stimulates technological innovations in the private sector and strengthens the role of federal research and development in support of small businesses. The SBIR program also fosters and encourages participation by women-owned and socially or economically disadvantaged small businesses.

Projects dealing with agriculture-related manufacturing and alternative and renewable energy technologies are encouraged across all SBIR topic areas. USDA SBIR's flexible research areas ensure innovative projects consistent with USDA's vision of a healthy and productive nation in harmony with the land, air, and water. The USDA SBIR program has awarded over 2,000 research and development projects since 1983, allowing hundreds of small businesses to explore their technological potential, and providing an incentive to profit from the commercialization of innovative ideas.

SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH (SBIR) TOPICS

- Forests and Related Resources
- Plant Production and Protection - Biology
- Animal Production and Protection
- Conservation of Natural Resources
- Food Science and Nutrition
- Rural Development
- Aquaculture
- Biofuels and Biobased Products
- Small and Mid-Size Farms
- Plant Production and Protection -- Engineering

COMPETITIVE FUNDS are awarded to the most innovative, cutting-edge science projects to help significantly expand new knowledge and innovation. Institutions, organizations, and agencies eligible to apply for funding are listed in Requests for Applications posted on the NIFA website (nifa.usda.gov/phase-i-phase-ii-solicitations).

LEARN MORE & APPLY FOR FUNDING

For a full list of small business innovation research opportunities, visit

[NIFA.USDA.GOV/SBIR](https://nifa.usda.gov/sbir)