Nutrition and Global Health

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Why should NIFA be globally engaged?

Solutions we develop for problems in the U.S. could benefit other parts of the world.

*But in an increasingly interconnected world –*

To efficiently solve problems here we may need information and cooperation from beyond our borders.
RESEARCH
Provides answers to complex issues facing our nation and our world

EDUCATION
Strengthens schools and universities to train the next generation of scientists, educators, producers and citizens.

EXTENSION
Takes knowledge gained through research and education to the people who need it the most.
Opportunities in NIFA grant programs

In the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI), NIFA’s flagship competitive grant program, international partnerships or engagements are encouraged - as long as they first and foremost support AFRI’s domestic goals.

Other NIFA competitive grant programs focused on enhancing an institution’s educational capacity or student experiential learning such as the 1890 Institution Teaching, Research, and Extension Capacity Grants, Higher Education Challenge Grants, and others include options for international activities.
Partnerships - Align funding through NIFA to U.S. researcher with foreign funding for foreign researcher

NIFA is developing partnerships with foreign governments and international organizations that invest in agricultural research on common issues of interest.

NIFA is currently partnering with –

• Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council of the UK (BBSRC)
• U.S.-Israel Binational Agricultural Research and Development Fund (BARD)
• International Wheat Yield Partnership (IWYP)
• Food and Agriculture Research Initiative with Ireland & Northern Ireland

Collaboration is through separate funding - NIFA funds the US applicant; foreign institution funds foreign researcher)

US researchers apply through regular NIFA RFA process
USAID’s Partnership for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER) -
• Developing country scientists in eligible USAID countries can apply to USAID PEER to collaborate with a U.S. researcher already funded for relevant research under an existing award from a participating U.S. Government (USG) agency.

• All USAID PEER funding goes to the developing country researcher to support their collaboration with the holder of an existing USG award.

• NIFA is a USG participating agency
Collaboration of NIFA with USDA Foreign Agricultural Service

NIFA works with USDA/FAS to call for expressions of interest (EOIs) to host

- **Borlaug Fellows** - foreign scientists come for 8-12 weeks of research and mentoring at a U.S. institution

- **Cochran Fellows** - usually small groups of foreign agricultural officials, public- or private-sector, for 2 week programs of specialized training or study tours

- **U.S. – China Scientific Exchange Program (SCEP)** - supports exchanges of U.S. and Chinese research teams for 2 weeks to transfer knowledge and technology in agriculture (specific topics)

*USDA/FAS selects the institutions and provides funding*

NIFA’s Center for International Programs (NIFA/CIP) sends EOIs out through its listserv of LGUs’ international agriculture directors – also includes other interested faculty
USDA/NIFA’s
Center for International Programs (CIP)

For info on NIFA global engagement opportunities
https://nifa.usda.gov/program/global-engagement-programs

Contact to sign up for NIFA/CIP Listserv or for any questions:

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