

**FY 2007**

**Multicultural Alliances  
Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program**

***PROGRAM SUMMARY***

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Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service  
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The Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program, administered by the USDA office of Higher Education Programs and authorized by section 815 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform (FAIR) Act of 1996 (7 USC 3241), is a competitive grants program designed to promote and strengthen the ability of Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) to carry out education programs that attract, retain, and graduate outstanding students capable of enhancing the Nation's food and agricultural scientific and professional work force. Projects may involve individual institutions or cooperative initiatives between two or more HSIs or with other colleges and universities, units of government, or the private sector.

Only Hispanic-Serving Institutions are eligible to apply for grants under this program. An eligible 2- or 4-year college or university must have at least 25 percent Hispanic fulltime student enrollment.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2007, a total of \$ 5,664,685 was available to support projects in the following areas of emphasis: (1) Faculty Preparation and Enhancement for Teaching; (2) Curricula Design, Materials Development, and Library Resources; (3) Instruction Delivery Systems; (4) Scientific Instrumentation for Teaching; (5) Student Experiential Learning; and (6) Student Recruitment and Retention (including financial assistance).

A total of 40 different institutions from 9 states and Puerto Rico submitted 53 proposals for consideration for funding for this year, the tenth year of the program. Institutions submitting proposals were from the following states: Arizona (1), California (15), Florida (1), Massachusetts (1), Colorado (1), New Mexico (6), New York (1), Texas (16), Washington (1), and Puerto Rico (10). These proposals requested a total of \$15,072,587 in USDA funding. In March 2007, the grant applications were evaluated by a sixteen member peer review panel comprised of faculty members from land-grant and non land-grant universities, members from private industry, and representatives of the Federal government. Panelists represented various academic areas including business, agriculture, natural resources, forestry, veterinary medicine, family and consumer sciences, and closely allied disciplines. Based on the peer review deliberations, funds were available to support 21 grants to 20 lead institutions in 6 states and Puerto Rico. Although not required by the USDA, almost all of these institutions are leveraging Federal grant funds with institutional cost-sharing or third party support. Each project has planned some form of collaboration with a local USDA entity.

The following chart presents information on the grants awarded under the FY 2007 Hispanic-Serving Institutions Education Grants Program.

**INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS SUPPORTED**

<b>PROJECT DIRECTOR, INSTITUTION, AND LOCATION</b>	<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>FUNDS AWARDED</b>
Ginger Lordus Allan Hancock Joint Community College Santa Maria, CA	Multi-Cultural Culinology: From Campus to Career	\$ 275,000
Jonda Halcomb Del Mar College Corpus Christi, TX	South Texas Liaison of Laboratories for Agricultural Research (STELLAR)	\$ 230,000
Eliezer Lozuada Texas A&M University, Kingsville Kingsville, TX	Science Summer Camp for the Highly Hispanic High School Students of South Texas	\$ 245,000
Sheila Taylor-King Urban College of Boston Boston, MA	Urban College of Boston Food Sciences Capacity-Building Project	\$ 240,000
Mary Kunz St. Philip's College San Antonio, TX	Proyecto Alimento II: Success in Food & Nutrition-Recruit, Retain, Transfer of Hispanic Students from 2-year to 4-year Nutrition Degree Program	\$ 275,000
Eric Houk California State University, Stanislaus Stanislaus, CA	Preparing Underrepresented Students for Careers in Agriculture through Recruitment, Experiential Learning, and Community Service	\$ 240,000
Maya Durnovo Houston Community College Houston, TX	Engaging Hispanic Students in USDA Math and Science Pipeline	\$ 240,000
Britt Rios-Ellis California State University, Long Beach Long Beach, CA	Comienzo Sano: Familia Saludable / Healthy Start:Healthy Family	\$ 295,000
Ronald Rankin Trinidad State Junior College Trinidad, CO	TSJC Associate of Science Transfer Program Improvements	\$ 275,000
Catherine Michelle Mazak University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Mayaguez, PR	Advancing English Language Learning for Food and Agricultural Science Majors	\$ 240,000

Carlos Rios-Velazquez University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Mayaguez, PR	Geomicrobiological and Metagenomic Studies (GeMS) of Puerto Rican Soils	\$ 275,000
James A. Noblet California State University, San Bernardino San Bernardino, CA	Preparing Underrepresented Students for USDA Natural Resource Careers	\$ 275,000
Raul Sandoval South Mountain Community College Phoenix, AZ	Undergraduate Biotechnology Engagement Track	\$ 203,126
Martha C. Vargas Rancho Santiago Community College District/Santa Ana College Santa Ana, CA	Partnership for Transfer Success in USDA Career Majors	\$ 275,000
Maria Rosa Universidad del Turabo, SUAGM Gurabo, PR	Strengthening Retention and Graduation Rates of Disadvantaged Students in a Nutrition/Dietetics Program at Universidad del Turabo	\$ 230,000
Laura Calderon California State University, Los Angeles Los Angeles, CA	Recruitment and curricular development for the Food Science + Technology and Nutrition Programs	\$ 240,000
Kevin M. Urbanczyk Sul Ross State University Alpine, TX	Tex PREP Consortium-Sul Ross State University, UTSA, Dallas County Community College District, Victoria College	\$ 440,000
Robert Edward Zaiglin Southwest Texas Junior College Uvalde, TX	Two-year project to strengthen & enhance existing educational programs in range, wildlife, natural resources and habitat	\$ 240,000
C. Wesley Holley New Mexico State University Las Cruces, NM	Chef-Scientists: A Collaborative Cross-Disciplinary Program	\$ 240,000
Nora R. Garza Laredo Community College Laredo, TX	Increasing Multicultural Diversity in Agriculture: Education and Partnerships	\$ 440,000
Larry Dutto College of the Sequoias Visalia, CA	Veterinary Technician Training Program	\$ 251,559

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Total Funds Awarded to States and Lead Institutions**

<b>State</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Awards</b>
Arizona	South Mountain Community College	\$ 203,126.00
California	Allan Hancock Joint Community College	\$ 275,000.00
California	California State University, Stanislaus	\$ 240,000.00
California	California State University, Long Beach	\$ 295,000.00
California	California State University, San Bernardino	\$ 275,000.00
California	Rancho Santiago Community College District/Santa Ana College	\$ 275,000.00
California	California State University, Los Angeles	\$ 240,000.00
California	College of the Sequoias	\$ 251,559.00
Colorado	Trinidad State Junior College	\$ 275,000.00
Massachusetts	Urban College of Boston	\$ 240,000.00
New Mexico	New Mexico State University	\$ 240,000.00
Puerto Rico	University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez	\$ 240,000.00
Puerto Rico	University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez	\$ 275,000.00
Puerto Rico	Universidad del Turabo, SUAGM	\$ 230,000.00
Texas	Del Mar College	\$ 230,000.00
Texas	Texas A&M University, Kingsville	\$ 245,000.00
Texas	St. Philip's College	\$ 275,000.00
Texas	Houston Community College	\$ 240,000.00
Texas	Sul Ross State University	\$ 440,000.00
Texas	Southwest Texas Junior College	\$ 240,000.00
Texas	Laredo Community College	\$ 440,000.00
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**For additional program information, please contact Dr. Irma A. Lawrence at 202-720-2082 or visit our higher education homepage at <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/fundview.cfm?fonum=1094>.**