

**New Funding Opportunities**  
**April 7, 2011**

Aloha,

Here are some current funding opportunities that might be of interest to you. Please pass this information on to anyone else who could use it. If the deadline is too short for this year, it is still a good indication of the likely due date for next year. **Let me know if I can be of any assistance with developing and submitting a grant application.**

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For information on submitting grants electronically on grants.gov the following publication may be useful:

**USDA, NIFA Grants.gov Application Guide – A guide for the preparation and submission of NIFA applications via grants.gov:**

<http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/opportunities/instructions/oppUSDA-NIFA-CGP-002644-cfda10.217-instructions.pdf>

**NIFA Help Desk - Phone: 202-401-5048** (M-F 7:00 am -5:00 pm ET)

**UH Office of Research Services (ORS) Grants.gov Cover Page Information:**

[http://www.ors.hawaii.edu/\\_library/documents/SF424\\_Instructions.pdf](http://www.ors.hawaii.edu/_library/documents/SF424_Instructions.pdf)

**UH ORS Institutional Profile Information:**

<http://www.ors.hawaii.edu/institutional-profile.asp>

**UH ORS Help Desk – Phone: 956-5198** (M-F 7:45-4:30 pm HST)

**\$ - US Dept of Education –Native Hawaiian Education****Deadline: April 11, 2011**

The purpose of this program is to develop innovative education programs to assist native Hawaiians and to supplement and expand programs and authorities in the area of education. Authorized activities include, among others: early education and care programs; family-based education centers; beginning reading and literacy programs; activities to address the needs of gifted and talented native Hawaiian students; special education programs; professional development for educators; and activities to enable native Hawaiian students to enter and complete postsecondary education programs.

<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/nathawaiian/index.html>

## \$ - USDA, NIFA - New Era Rural Technology Competitive Grants Program (RTP)

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	USDA-NIFA-RTP-003380
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Posted Date:	Nov 17, 2010
<b>Current Closing Date:</b>	<b>Apr 15, 2011</b>
Archive Date:	May 16, 2011
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$875,000
Award Ceiling:	\$300,000
Award Floor:	\$10,000
CFDA Number(s):	10.314 -- New ERA Rural Technology Competitive Grants Program
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No

The New Era Rural Technology Competitive Grants Program will make grants available to community colleges or advanced technological centers, **located in a rural area**, for technology development, applied research, and training necessary to produce graduates capable of strengthening the Nation's technical, scientific and professional workforce in the fields of bioenergy, pulp and paper manufacturing, and agriculture-based renewable energy resources. Rural Areas are defined as: any locality that has a population of 50,000 inhabitants or less, and is generally characterized as having fewer than 1,000 inhabitants per square mile (U.S. Census Bureau). Applications may be submitted by either: (1) public or private nonprofit community colleges, or (2) postsecondary, degree-granting advanced technological centers, either of which must: a. be located in a rural area (see definition in Part VIII, E.); and b. have been in existence as of June 18, 2008; and c. participate in agricultural or bioenergy research and applied research; and d. have a proven record of development and implementation of programs to meet the needs of students, educators, business, and industry to supply the agriculture-based, renewable energy or pulp and paper manufacturing fields with certified technicians; as determined by the Secretary and e. have the ability to leverage existing partnerships and occupational outreach and training programs for secondary schools, 4-year institutions, and relevant nonprofit organizations.

Description:

Link to Full Announcement: [New Era Rural Technology Competitive Grants Program \(RTP\)](http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/new_era.html)  
or [http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/new\\_era.html](http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/new_era.html)

## \$ - Center for Tropical and Subtropical Aquaculture (CTSA) -

### **Deadline: Pre-Proposals – April 18, 2011**

The Center for Tropical and Subtropical Aquaculture (CTSA) requests pre-proposals for aquaculture applied research that addresses problems and opportunities for the aquaculture industry in the CTSA region as defined below. Pre-proposals that target these priority issues will receive highest preference. **However, pre-proposals that do not fall under specific priority areas are also welcome and will be considered; we are happy to entertain all good ideas in our development process.** Any projects that have farmer contact must include significant, deliverable extension efforts. CTSA strongly encourages interagency/interinstitutional cooperation and shared funding of priority projects.

CTSA's mission is to support aquaculture research, development, demonstration, and extension education in order to enhance viable and profitable aquaculture in the United States. CTSA is funded by an annual grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). The CTSA region includes the following areas: **American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and Palau.**

[http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?llr=i6mtbcdab&v=001Nj0eJ9UAEflUdhB-98j2U-aiBr9ATv9NDPI\\_bTj9kgk8p1FVrW6E93Pf20qOpnxtM1e9GuiDCzPz7PJKiGXCXHKFHVSkstGAt4U90p43KEw%3D](http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?llr=i6mtbcdab&v=001Nj0eJ9UAEflUdhB-98j2U-aiBr9ATv9NDPI_bTj9kgk8p1FVrW6E93Pf20qOpnxtM1e9GuiDCzPz7PJKiGXCXHKFHVSkstGAt4U90p43KEw%3D)

**\$ - USDA, Rural Development - Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program (DLT)****Deadline: April 25, 2011**[Webinar on the 2011 DLT Program Application Process - March 9, 2011](#)

The Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program (DLT) is designed specifically to meet the educational and health care needs of rural America (20,000 or less). Through loans, grants and loan/grant combinations, advanced telecommunications technologies provide enhanced learning and health care opportunities for rural residents. Entities providing education and medical care via telecommunications including corporations or partnerships, Indian tribes or tribal organizations, state or local units of government, consortia, and private for-profit or not-for profit corporations. Applicants are required to provide a minimum 15 percent match. Awards can range from \$50,000 to \$500,000.

[http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UTP\\_DLT.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UTP_DLT.html)<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/supportdocuments/2011-dlt-app-guide-Final-Feb-23-2011.pdf>

**\$ - RWJF - Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH): Community Grants Program**

**Application Deadline: April 27, 2011**

A new Community Grants program from RWJF called Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH) will help spark action in communities to address the many factors that influence health. As the *County Health Rankings* illustrate, social and economic factors such as education and employment can affect health directly and indirectly, and those negative effects may accumulate over individuals' lifetimes and continue unbroken through generations. The first round of the Community Grants program is open to communities that are ready to take action to address the social and economic factors that affect health—factors which have a significant impact on health outcomes, yet are often ignored in community health improvement activities.

[http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21351&cid=XEM\\_2601352](http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21351&cid=XEM_2601352)

**\$ - RWJF - New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming, Junior Investigator Program**

**Deadlines:**

**May 5, 2011 - Receipt of brief proposals** (required)

**August 4, 2011 - Receipt of full proposals**

New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming aims to expand the diversity of perspectives that inform RWJF programming and introduce new researchers and scholars to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) while simultaneously helping to meet staff needs for data analysis. The program invites Junior Investigator scholars from historically disadvantaged and underrepresented communities to submit proposals that address programming priorities for one of the following RWJF program areas: **Childhood Obesity**; Coverage; Human Capital; Public Health; Pioneer; Quality/Equality; and **Vulnerable Populations**. Up to 13 Junior Investigator grants, including up to five grants for Public Health Law Research-New Connections (PHLR-NC) awards will be selected, of up to \$75,000 each for 24 months.

**\$ - RWJF - New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming, Midcareer Consultants**

**Deadlines:**

**May 5, 2011 - Receipt of brief proposals** (required)

**August 4, 2011 - Receipt of full proposals**

New Connections: Increasing Diversity of RWJF Programming aims to expand the diversity of perspectives that informs RWJF programming and introduce new researchers and scholars to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). In Round 6 New Connections invites Midcareer Consultants—scholars from historically disadvantaged and underrepresented communities who have between 10 to 15 years of research and/or evaluation experience—to conduct research and evaluation projects for one of the following RWJF program areas: **Childhood Obesity**; Coverage; Human Capital; Public Health; Pioneer; Quality/Equality; and **Vulnerable Populations**. New Connections aims to enhance the research and evaluation capacity of researchers and consultants from underrepresented groups. Up to 5 Midcareer Consultant grants of up to \$75,000 each for 12 months will be awarded.



### **\$ - USDA, NIFA - Women and Minorities in Science (WAMS), Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Fields Grant Program**

This program supports research and extension projects that have robust collaborations to increase the participation of women and underrepresented minorities from rural areas in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields that are relevant to USDA priorities identified by the Secretary: (i) Promotion of a safe, sufficient, and nutritious food supply for all Americans and for people around the world; (ii) Sustainable agricultural policies that foster economic viability for small and mid-sized farms and rural businesses, protect natural resources, and promote value-added agriculture; (iii) national leadership in climate change mitigation and adaptation; (iv) Building a modern workplace with a modern workforce; and (v) Support for 21st century rural communities. See

<http://www.usda.gov/documents/VilsackLetter.pdf>. Legal authority for this program is contained in Section 7204 of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (FCEA) (Pub. L. 110-246), which amends Section 1672 of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5925)

Solicitation Date (Opening)	March 10, 2011
Letter of Intent Due Date	None
<b>Due Date (Closing)</b>	<b>May 10, 2011</b>
Estimated Total Program Funding	\$364,000.00
Range of Awards	\$75,000.00 to \$300,000.00
Percent of Applications Funded Last Fiscal Year	<b>20%</b>
<b>Cost Sharing Requirements</b>	<b>A dollar-for-dollar match required</b>
For More Information Contact	<a href="#">Jermelina Tupas</a>
Funding Opportunity Number	<a href="#">USDA-NIFA-WAMS-003415</a>
Contact for Electronic Access Problems	<a href="mailto:webcomments@nifa.usda.gov">webcomments@nifa.usda.gov</a>

URL: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/wams.html>

**\$ - USDA, NIFA - Agriculture and Food Research Initiative: Childhood Obesity Prevention**

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	USDA-NIFA-AFRI-003410
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Posted Date:	Jan 26, 2011
<b>Current Closing Date:</b>	<b>May 18, 2011</b>
Archive Date:	Jun 17, 2011
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Expected Number of Awards:	7
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$8,600,000
Award Ceiling:	\$2,500,000
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No

This AFRI Challenge Area addresses the priority of childhood obesity prevention. Obesity is the number one nutritional problem in America. The U.S. food supply contains an abundant amount of foods that are high in energy with appealing taste, but which are low in nutrient content. Food is an integral part of the process that leads to obesity and USDA has a unique responsibility for the food system in the United States. The long-term outcome for this program is to reduce the prevalence of overweight and obesity among children and adolescents ages 2 to 19 years. In order to achieve this outcome, this program will support multi-function Integrated Research, Education, and/or Extension Projects and Food and Agricultural Science Enhancement (FASE) Grants that address one of the Program Area Priorities (see Childhood Obesity Prevention RFA for details).

[http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/11\\_child\\_obese.doc](http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/11_child_obese.doc)

## **\$ - Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation - Round 7 of Grand Challenges Explorations**

**Deadline: May 19, 2011**

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is now accepting grant proposals for Round 7 of Grand Challenges Explorations, an initiative to encourage innovative and unconventional global health solutions. Applicants can be at any experience level; in any discipline; and from any organization, including colleges and universities, government laboratories, research institutions, non-profit organizations and for profit companies.

Grant proposals are being accepted online until May 19, 2011 on the following topics:

- \* Explore Nutrition for Healthy Growth of Infants and Children
- \* Apply Synthetic Biology to Global Health Challenges
- \* The Poliovirus Endgame: Create Innovative Ways to Accelerate, Sustain, and Monitor Eradication
- \* Create the Next Generation of Sanitation Technologies
- \* Design New Approaches to Cure HIV Infection
- \* Create Low-Cost Cell Phone-Based Solutions for Improved Uptake and Coverage of Childhood Vaccinations

Initial grants of \$100,000 are awarded two times a year. Successful projects have the opportunity to receive a follow-on grant of up to \$1 million. The initiative uses an agile, accelerated grant-making process with short two-page applications and no preliminary data required. Applications are submitted online, and winning grants are chosen approximately 4 months from the submission deadline. Full descriptions of the new topics and application instructions are available at: [www.grandchallenges.org/gce/](http://www.grandchallenges.org/gce/).

**\$ - USDA, NRCS, Hawaii - Conservation Innovation Grants**

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	USDA-NRCS-HI-11-02
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Posted Date:	Mar 24, 2011
<b>Current Closing Date:</b>	<b>May 20, 2011</b>
Archive Date:	Jun 19, 2011
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Expected Number of Awards:	5
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$300,000
Award Ceiling:	\$75,000
<b>Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:</b>	<b>Yes</b>

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is announcing availability of Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies. Applications are accepted from the **Pacific Islands Area (Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands)**. NRCS anticipates that the funding amount available for support of this program in FY 2011 will be approximately \$300,000. Applications are requested from eligible governmental or non-governmental organizations or individuals for competitive consideration of grant awards for projects between 1 and 3 years in duration.

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/announce.do;jsessionid=2NcrNSQQ3qmhpN118vTfTh6k7XHxLb8CnQHv2QqrHFqTQS3nBnnY!-1042483861>

**\$ - USDA, Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SARE) – Western Region - Graduate Student**

**Deadline: May 27, 2011**

The Graduate Student Grants provide a maximum of \$25,000 and may last for up to two years. Those eligible to apply are masters or Ph.D. students enrolled full time (as determined by the institution's requirements) at accredited colleges or universities in the Western region. An applicant is eligible for only one grant during his or her graduate program.

<https://wsare.usu.edu/grants/>

## \$ - USDA, NIFA - Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate Fellowship Grants

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	USDA-NIFA-HEP-003435
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Posted Date:	Mar 29, 2011
<b>Current Closing Date:</b>	<b>Jun 01, 2011</b>
Archive Date:	Jul 01, 2011
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$3,600,000
Award Ceiling:	\$262,500
Award Floor:	\$4,500
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No

The fellowships supported through the Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowship Grants Program (NNF) are intended to encourage outstanding and committed students to pursue and complete graduate degrees in critical areas of national need, through graduate programs at eligible institutions. The support provided through this NNF program, is a student stipend for the Fellow and a cost-of-education allowance to the institution. The typical period of performance for an award is five years, although a few programs may specify shorter (maximum of five years) periods. For the FY 2011 award cycle, NIFA intends to support graduate Fellowship training grants for both Master's and doctoral levels of study. Also, Special International Study or Thesis/Dissertation Research Travel Allowances (IRTA) awards will provide support for eligible USDA Fellows to conduct thesis/dissertation research or to undertake studies at sites outside of the United States. IRTA awards for eligible USDA Fellows will only be available as provided for within this announcement. IRTA for current, eligible NNF Fellows must be requested as a stand-alone application. Applicants provide clarity about the philosophy of their graduate training, and relevance to USDA mission science, NIFA priorities and recommendations presented by the National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences, projected work force needs from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the National Science Foundation, Survey of Earned Doctorates. Each funded proposal is expected to increase the understanding, development of 21st Century skills, research-based knowledge, assessment, and utilization of technology and resources to advance a first class next-generation, diverse work force in USDA mission sciences. **Post-doctoral Fellowships will not be awarded, under this grant announcement.** Further, NIFA supports Pre-doctoral and Post-doctoral fellowships in the Agricultural and Food Research Initiative (see, <http://nifa.usda.gov/funding/afri/afri.html>).

[http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/national\\_needs.html](http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/national_needs.html)

**\$ - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) - Health Impact Project: Advancing Smarter Policies for Healthier Communities**

**Web Conference Call: May 4 & 19, 2011**

**Brief Proposal Deadline: June 1, 2011**

**Full Proposal Deadline: July 1, 2011 (must be invited)**

The Health Impact Project is a collaboration of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and The Pew Charitable Trusts advancing the use of health impact assessment (HIA), which provides sound, objective data that can help decision-makers identify the health ramifications of proposals in a range of sectors that do not traditionally focus on health outcomes, and make recommendations that enhance health benefits and minimize adverse effects and associated costs. A new call for proposals has been issued to help demonstrate the effectiveness of HIAs and promote their incorporation into local, state, tribal and federal decision-making. This call for proposals will support organizations that wish to undertake an HIA of a proposed policy, project or program currently or soon to be under active consideration by a decision-making body. Up to eight demonstration projects will be awarded in this round of funding. Grants will range from \$25,000 to \$125,000 each and must be completed within 18 months. [http://www.rwjf.org/files/applications/cfp/HIP\\_overview2011.pdf](http://www.rwjf.org/files/applications/cfp/HIP_overview2011.pdf) or [http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21346&cid=XEM\\_1400198](http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21346&cid=XEM_1400198)

**\$ - USDA, NIFA - Renewable Resources Extension Act - National Focus Fund Projects**

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	USDA-NIFA-OP-003436
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Posted Date:	Apr 06, 2011
<b>Current Closing Date:</b>	<b>Jun 06, 2011</b>
Archive Date:	Sep 30, 2011
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant
Expected Number of Awards:	<b>3</b>
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$300,000
Award Ceiling:	\$110,000
Award Floor:	\$85,000
CFDA Number(s):	10.500 -- Cooperative Extension Service
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	<b>No</b>

The purpose of the grant program for FY 2011 is to provide funds for projects that: (1) Have national or regional relevance; or (2) Build capacity in the Cooperative Extension System to better serve forest and rangeland owners; or (3) Develop new and innovative projects that can be replicated at other institutions. Applications may be submitted by 1862 and 1890 land-grant institutions. Project Directors are encouraged to have an **extension** appointment.

URL: [http://nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/rrea\\_nff.html](http://nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/rrea_nff.html)



**\$ - RWJF - Active Living Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity****Deadline: July 1, 2011 (Letters of intent)**

Rapid-Response Call for Proposals Released. *Active Living Research* is a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) that supports research to inform policy and environmental strategies for increasing physical activity among children and adolescents, decreasing their sedentary behaviors and preventing obesity. The program places special emphasis on reaching children and youths ages 3 to 18 who are at highest risk for obesity: Black, Latino, American Indian and Asian/Pacific Islander children, as well as children who live in under-resourced and lower-income communities. This call for proposals will support opportunistic, time-sensitive studies on emerging or anticipated changes in physical activity-related policies or environments. Rapid-response grants are expected to accelerate progress toward policy and environmental strategies to prevent and reduce childhood obesity. For maximum impact, studies should be completed in as short a time frame as realistically possible, and results disseminated using methods designed to reach local, state or national decision-makers in time to help inform key

URL: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21121&cid=xem-emc-fapolicydecisions>

**\$ - RWJF - Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity - Rapid-Response grants**

**Deadline: August 2, 2011 (concept papers)**

These grants will support time-sensitive and opportunistic studies on emerging or anticipated changes in food-related policies or environments that can only be conducted during a short window of opportunity and are needed to inform policy debates for local, state or national action. Studies that are not urgent and time-sensitive are not eligible for funding as rapid-response grants. Approximately \$875,000 will be awarded for rapid-response grants of up to \$150,000 each, for a maximum funding period of 18 months. Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis. These grants require a two-stage proposal application process, including an initial one-page concept paper and subsequent full proposal (if invited).

<http://www.healthyeatingresearch.org/component/content/article/282>

**\$ - USDA, SARE, Western Region - Professional Development Program****Deadline: November 04, 2011**

These grants focus on training agricultural professionals to help them spread knowledge about sustainable agriculture concepts and practices. PDP grants are limited to \$60,000 for single-state applications, while applications with meaningful involvement from more than one state can apply for up to \$100,000. Grants can run for up to three years, with the final year to be focused on project evaluation.

<https://wsare.usu.edu/grants/>

**\$ - USDA, SARE, Western Region - Producer****Deadline: December 02, 2011**

These one to three year grants are conducted by agricultural producers with support and guidance from a technical advisor (e.g. Extension Agent, University Researcher, ARS Scientist or other Ag Professional). Individual producers may apply for up to \$15,000, and a group of three or more producers may apply for up to \$30,000. Producers typically use their grants to conduct on-site experiments that can improve their operations and the environment and can be shared with other producers. Grant recipients may also focus on marketing and organic production.

<https://wsare.usu.edu/grants/>

**\$ - USDA, SARE, Western Region - Professional + Producer****Deadline: December 02, 2011**

These one to three year grants are similar in concept to the Farmer/Rancher grants with a few key differences. Instead of a producer serving as the project coordinator, an agricultural professional – Cooperative Extension educator or Natural Resources Conservation Service professional – coordinates the project. Applicants can seek up to \$50,000 and must have a minimum of five producers involved.

<https://wsare.usu.edu/grants/>

## **\$ - USDA, NIFA – Western SARE - Sustainable Agriculture Tour Grants**

### **Deadline: applications accepted year round**

Sustainable Agricultural Tour Grants are funded for only one year. Any agriculture/natural resource professional in the Western region may apply. These professionals are cooperative extension educators/agents and specialists, USDA-NRCS field staff, agricultural consultants, nonprofit staff members or other agricultural professionals assisting producers at the local level. The grant applicant's institution and or organization are fiscally responsible for the project. These grants are offered as a cost reimbursable contract. Applicants are required to have at least one past or current Western SARE-funded project as part of the tour. Preference will be given for the more Western SARE-funded projects visited. The maximum amount per grant application is \$2,000. These grants are to provide opportunities for producers to:

- Interact and network with producers, and
- Assist producers in adoption of sustainable agricultural production.

URL: [https://wsare.usu.edu/grants/RFA/TRG\\_2010.pdf](https://wsare.usu.edu/grants/RFA/TRG_2010.pdf)

## AFRI Foundational Program Area Deadlines for 2011

The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) encompasses several different Request for Applications (RFA) that contain many Program Areas. These Program Areas cover a broad array of issues and topic important to US agriculture. Important deadlines are summarized in the table below. Refer to the following RFAs for related detailed information on Program Area Priorities for FY2011.

URL: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=63213> and <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/afri.html>

### AFRI Foundational Program RFAs:

Program Area	Program Area Code	Program Area Contacts	Letter of Intent Deadline	Application Deadline
<b>Plant Health and Production and Plant Products</b>				
Biology of Agricultural Plants	A1101	<a href="#">Dr. Ed Kaleikau</a> <a href="#">Dr. Liang-Shiou Lin</a> <a href="#">Dr. Shing Kwok</a> <a href="#">Dr. Ann Marie Thro</a>	03/16/2011	06/08/2011
Insects and Nematodes	A1111	<a href="#">Dr. Mary Purcell-Miramontes</a>	03/16/2011	06/08/2011
Understanding Plant-Associated Microorganisms	A1121	<a href="#">Dr. Ann Lichens-Park</a>	03/16/2011	06/08/2011
Controlling Weedy and Invasive Plants	A1131	<a href="#">Dr. Michael Bowers</a>	03/16/2011	06/08/2011
<b>Animal Health and Production and Animal Products</b>				
Animal Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics	A1201	<a href="#">Dr. Mark Mirando</a> <a href="#">Dr. Muquarrab Qureshi</a>	02/22/2011	04/06/2011
Animal Reproduction	A1211	<a href="#">Dr. Mark Mirando</a>	02/22/2011	04/06/2011
Animal Health and Disease	A1221	<a href="#">Dr. Margo Holland</a> <a href="#">Dr. Peter Johnson</a>	02/22/2011	04/06/2011
Improving Nutritional Performance, Growth, and Lactation of Animals	A1231	<a href="#">Dr. Mark Mirando</a> <a href="#">Dr. Steven Smith</a>	02/22/2011	04/06/2011
<b>Food Safety, Nutrition, and Health</b>				
Physical and Molecular Mechanisms of Food Contamination	A1331	<a href="#">Dr. Jeanette Thurston</a>	02/28/2011	05/02/2011
Function and Efficacy of Nutrients	A1341	<a href="#">Dr. Dionne Toombs</a>	02/28/2011	05/02/2011

Improved Processing Technologies	A1351	<a href="#">Dr. Ram Rao</a>	02/28/2011	05/02/2011
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<b>Renewable Energy, Natural Resources, and Environment</b>				
Processes and Transformation in Soil, Water, and Air	A1421	<a href="#">Dr. Nancy Cavallaro</a>	03/03/2011	06/03/2011
Thresholds in Agroecosystems	A1431	<a href="#">Dr. Diana Jerkins</a>	03/03/2011	06/03/2011
Management in Agroecosystems	A1441	<a href="#">Dr. James Dobrowolski</a>	03/03/2011	06/03/2011
<b>Agriculture Systems and Technology</b>				
Nanotechnology for Agricultural and Food Systems	A1511	<a href="#">Dr. Hongda Chen</a>	02/22/2011	05/11/2011
Engineering Products and Processes	A1521	<a href="#">Dr. Peter Johnson</a> <a href="#">Dr. Margo Holland</a> <a href="#">Dr. Richard Hegg</a> <a href="#">Dr. Daniel Schmoltd</a>	02/22/2011	05/11/2011
<b>Agriculture Economics and Rural Communities</b>				
Small and Medium-sized Farms	A1601	<a href="#">Dr. Suresh Sureshwaran</a>	n/a	03/23/2011
Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development	A1621	<a href="#">Dr. Suresh Sureshwaran</a>	n/a	03/23/2011
Rural Development	A1631	<a href="#">Dr. Suresh Sureshwaran</a>	n/a	03/23/2011
Markets and Trade	A1641	<a href="#">Dr. Suresh Sureshwaran</a> <a href="#">Dr. Fen Hunt</a>	n/a	03/23/2011
Environment	A1651	<a href="#">Dr. Suresh Sureshwaran</a> <a href="#">Dr. Fen Hunt</a>	n/a	03/23/2011
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