LIMITED SUBMISSION: USDA: Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Education and Workforce Development – PROGRAM AREA: Agricultural Workforce Training Grants

****PLEASE NOTE: THREE (3) PROPOSALS FROM TUFTS MAY BE NOMINATED IN THE AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM AREA****

DEADLINES:
Tufts Internal Email of Intent Deadline: May 14, by noon
Sponsor Deadline: Letter of Intent: June 11, 2019, by 5:00pm
            Application Deadline: August 22, 2019, by 5:00pm

For those interested, please send an email of intent to the Limited Submissions Team at limitedsubmissions@tufts.edu informing us of an intention to apply. EOI’s received after the deadline will not be considered. The email of intent must include:

1. The name of the solicitation, and the program area to which you intend to apply,
2. The name of the Principal Investigator, and any co-PI’s,
3. A 2-3 sentence description of the proposed project, including the AFRI priority area(s) the project addresses.

Should the number of interested applicants exceed the number allowed by the funder, an internal selection process will be conducted by the Office of the Vice Provost for Research, and candidates will be notified to submit internal application materials. All candidates will be notified of results. NB: Successful applications must include official notification from the Limited Submissions Team in order to submit. For more information, please see http://viceprovost.tufts.edu/resources/funding/limited-submissions/

PROGRAM PURPOSE:
• The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Education and Workforce Development (EWD) focuses on developing the next generation of research, education, and extension professionals in the food and agricultural sciences.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:
• All applications to this program area must provide workforce training in at least one of the six AFRI priority areas: 1) Plant health and production and plant products; 2) Animal health and production and animal products; 3) Food safety, nutrition, and health; 4) Bioenergy, natural resources, and environment; 5) Agriculture systems and technology; 6) Agriculture economics and rural communities
• Projects should develop curriculum for workforce training in the food and agricultural sciences at community, junior, and technical colleges/institutes.
• Applications that target low-employment geographic areas or groups are encouraged
• Certificates, training or coursework for/part of baccalaureate or post-graduate degrees is not supported
• All applications must demonstrate committed and active partnership with and/or relevance to industry
• See program announcement (link below) for curriculum examples and examples of projects of interest.

ELIGIBILITY: Standard Grants and FASE (Strengthening Standard) Grants only; please follow Tufts PI eligibility policies

AWARD INFORMATION: $500,000 total, up to five years.

FURTHER INFORMATION: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=314956

NOTE: Program announcement instructions supersede instructions delivered in this document.