LIMITED SUBMISSION: USDA: Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Education and Workforce Development – PROGRAM AREAS: Research and Extension Experiences for Undergraduates (REEU) AND Education Coordinated Network for Research and Extension Experiences for Undergraduates (REEU-ECN)

****PLEASE NOTE: THREE (3) PROPOSAL FROM TUFTS MAY BE NOMINATED IN THE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION EXPERIENCES FOR UNDERGRADUATES PROGRAM AREA****

DEADLINES:
Tufts Internal Email of Intent Deadline: May 14, by noon
Sponsor Deadline: June 27, 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
• The REEU program area may also include opportunities for digital and data competency development via the Food & Agriculture Cyberinformatics & Tools (FACTS) initiative. See link below for details.
• Projects must provide opportunities to include hands-on experiences for undergraduate students at colleges and universities, including those from underrepresented and economically disadvantaged groups, veterans, first generation college students, students at minority-serving institutions and community colleges
• Applications that involve industry participation and/or that target a food and agricultural science industry where there is a documented shortage of talent or lack of adequate skills preparation are encouraged
• Education Coordinated Network of REEU projects (REEU-ECN): Provide a clearinghouse for project outputs, data, and documents and it will create and maintain any number of collaboration spaces for REEU project directors and other key personnel to interact and share information. See link below for details.

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

AWARD INFORMATION: $400,000 total, up to four years OR $500,000, up to five years, for just REEU applications; project costs must be predominantly for student support. Additional $400,000 total, up to five years for REEU-ECN applications.


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