

§ 3319i. Capacity building grants for NLGCA Institutions

(a) Grant program

(1) In general

The Secretary shall make competitive grants to NLGCA Institutions to assist the NLGCA Institutions in maintaining and expanding the capacity of the NLGCA Institutions to conduct education, research, and outreach activities relating to—

- (A) agriculture;
- (B) renewable resources; and
- (C) other similar disciplines.

(2) Use of funds

An NLGCA Institution that receives a grant under paragraph (1) may use the funds made available through the grant to maintain and expand the capacity of the NLGCA Institution—

(A) to successfully compete for funds from Federal grants and other sources to carry out educational, research, and outreach activities that address priority concerns of national, regional, State, and local interest;

(B) to disseminate information relating to priority concerns to—

- (i) interested members of the agriculture, renewable resources, and other relevant communities;
- (ii) the public; and
- (iii) any other interested entity;

(C) to encourage members of the agriculture, renewable resources, and other relevant communities to participate in priority education, research, and outreach activities by providing matching funding to leverage grant funds; and

(D) through—

(i) the purchase or other acquisition of equipment and other infrastructure (not including alteration, repair, renovation, or construction of buildings);

(ii) the professional growth and development of the faculty of the NLGCA Institution; and

(iii) the development of graduate assistantships.

(b) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as are necessary for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2023.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, §1473F, as added Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, §7138, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1230, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VII, §7138, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1991; amended Pub. L. 113-79, title VII, §7123, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 876; Pub. L. 115-334, title VII, §7131, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4796.)

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 enacted identical sections. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 115-334 substituted “2023” for “2018”.

2014—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 113-79 substituted “2018” for “2012”.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Enactment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 8701 of this title.

§ 3319j. Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellowship Program

(a) Fellowship program

(1) In general

The Secretary shall establish a fellowship program, to be known as the “Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellowship Program,” to provide fellowships for scientific training and study in the United States to individuals from eligible countries (as described in subsection (b)) who specialize in agricultural education, research, and extension.

(2) Programs

The Secretary shall carry out the fellowship program by implementing 3 programs designed to assist individual fellowship recipients, including—

(A) a graduate studies program in agriculture to assist individuals who participate in graduate agricultural degree training at a United States institution;

(B) an individual career improvement program to assist agricultural scientists from developing countries in upgrading skills and understanding in agricultural science and technology; and

(C) a Borlaug agricultural policy executive leadership course to assist senior agricultural policy makers from eligible countries, with an initial focus on individuals from sub-Saharan Africa and the independent states of the former Soviet Union.

(b) Eligible countries

An eligible country is a developing country, as determined by the Secretary using a gross national income per capita test selected by the Secretary.

(c) Purpose of fellowships

A fellowship provided under this section shall—

(1) promote food security and economic growth in eligible countries by—

(A) educating a new generation of agricultural scientists;

(B) increasing scientific knowledge and collaborative research to improve agricultural productivity; and

(C) extending that knowledge to users and intermediaries in the marketplace; and

(2) support—

(A) training and collaborative research opportunities through exchanges for entry level international agricultural research scientists, faculty, and policymakers from eligible countries;

(B) collaborative research to improve agricultural productivity;

(C) the transfer of new science and agricultural technologies to strengthen agricultural practice;

(D) the reduction of barriers to technology adoption; and

(E) the development of agricultural extension services in eligible countries.

(d) Fellowship recipients

(1) Eligible candidates

The Secretary may provide fellowships under this section to individuals from eligible countries who specialize or have experience in agricultural education, research, extension, or related fields, including—

(A) individuals from the public and private sectors; and

(B) private agricultural producers.

(2) Candidate identification

The Secretary shall use the expertise of United States land-grant colleges and universities and similar universities, international organizations working in agricultural research and outreach, and national agricultural research organizations to help identify program candidates for fellowships under this section from the public and private sectors of eligible countries.

(e) Use of fellowships

A fellowship provided under this section shall be used—

(1) to promote collaborative programs among agricultural professionals of eligible countries, agricultural professionals of the United States, the international agricultural research system, and, as appropriate, United States entities conducting research; and

(2) to support fellowship recipients through programs described in subsection (a)(2).

(f) Program implementation

(1) In general

The Secretary shall provide for the management, coordination, evaluation, and monitoring of the Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellowship Program and for the individual programs described in subsection (a)(2), except that the Secretary may contract out to 1 or more collaborating universities the management of 1 or more of the fellowship programs.

(2) Leveraging alumni engagement

In carrying out the purposes and programs under this section, the Secretary shall encourage ongoing engagement with fellowship recipients who have completed training under the program to provide advice regarding, and participate in, new or ongoing agricultural development projects, with a priority for capacity-building projects.

(g) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this section, to remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XIV, §1473G, as added Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, §7139, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1231, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VII, §7139, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1992; amended Pub. L. 115-334, title III, §3306, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4620.)

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Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 enacted identical sections. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 115-334, §3306(1)(A), struck out “shall” before “support—” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (c)(2)(E). Pub. L. 115-334, §3306(1)(B)–(D), added subpar. (E).

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 115-334, §3306(2), designated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted heading, and added par. (2).

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§ 3319k. Agriculture Advanced Research and Development Authority pilot

(a) Definitions

In this section:

(1) Advanced research and development

The term “advanced research and development” means research and development activities used to address research challenges in agriculture and food through—

(A) targeted acceleration of novel, early stage innovative agricultural research with promising technology applications and products; or

(B) development of qualified products and projects, agricultural technologies, or innovative research tools, which may include—

(i) prototype testing, preclinical development, or field experimental use;

(ii) assessing and assisting with product approval, clearance, or need for a license under an applicable law, as determined by the Director; or

(iii) manufacturing and commercialization of a product.

(2) Agricultural technology

The term “agricultural technology” means machinery and other equipment engineered for an applicable and novel use in agriculture, natural resources, and food relating to the research and development of qualified products and projects.

(3) Director

The term “Director” means the Director of the Agriculture Advanced Research and Development Authority established under subsection (b)(1).

(4) Other transaction

The term “other transaction” means a transaction other than a procurement contract, grant, or cooperative agreement, including a transaction described in subsection (b)(6)(A).

(5) Person

The term “person” means—

(A) an individual;

(B) a partnership;