For the purpose of informing interested University of Tennessee-Knoxville faculty, please be aware of the following opportunity. Please note that the other recipients of this announcement could be potential collaborators on this opportunity.

**USDA-NIFA-HEMS-003177: Multicultural Scholars Program**

(If you are interested in submitting for this opportunity please contact Dr. Bob Porter (reporter@utk.edu) by 4/30/2010. This will enable the Office of Research to assist in areas such as team formation, partnership opportunities, etc.)

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), U.S. Department of Agriculture, is soliciting applications for the Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program (MSP) for fiscal year (FY) 2010 to conduct undergraduate scholarship programs to meet national and international needs for training food and agricultural scientists and professionals, or professionals in rural economic, community, and business development. In FY 2010, NIFA is soliciting applications for: (1) Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.) and/or undergraduate level degree in food and agricultural sciences; and (2) for Special Experiential Learning (SEL) opportunities for eligible USDA Higher Education Multicultural Scholars. There is no limit to the number of applications an eligible institution may submit; however, an institution may only receive support up to a maximum of $570,000 in awards.

In FY 2010, special emphasis is placed on training that will address the changing demographics of the nation and the development of 21st century skills in USDA mission areas that include STEM disciplines and social sciences. The next generation workforce in USDA mission sciences will be multicultural, and as for all Americans, their educational development will need to provide success tools to learn, thrive, and creatively and innovatively contribute to their areas of emphasis, profession, and U.S. global competitiveness.

For detailed information about this opportunity ([USDA-NIFA-HEMS-003177](https://www.usda.gov)) please see the full solicitation ([here](https://www.usda.gov)). To find more opportunities from this agency, please see [here](https://www.usda.gov).
Approximately $1.1 will be available to support up an undetermined number of awards across multiple categories. Cost sharing is not required. Please see the full solicitation for complete award information for each of the programs.

**Deadline for Proposal to OR-Sponsored Programs:** 7/21/2010
(Please see the solicitation for complete application & submission information.)

Please contact Sponsored Programs (4-2402) with questions regarding proposal submission requirements for all tracks.

**Deadline for Proposal Submission to Agency:** 7/28/2010

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