FY 2005

Resident Instruction Grants Program for Institutions of Higher Education in Insular Areas

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Higher Education Programs
Science and Education Resources Development
Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture

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The Resident Instruction Grants Program for Institutions of Higher Education in Insular Areas is administered by the USDA office of Higher Education Programs. It is authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (section 7501 of Public Law 107-171), which amended the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.), by providing for a program of resident instruction grants for insular areas (7 U.S.C. 3363). It is a competitive grants program with awards made to one or more individual, eligible institutions of higher education in Insular Areas (Insular Area Institutions) or consortia of such eligible institutions, to carry out teaching and education programs in the food and agricultural sciences. It is designed to promote and strengthen the ability of Insular Area Institutions to carry out teaching and education programs within a broadly defined area of food and agricultural sciences-related disciplines.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2005, a total of $475,000 was available to support projects in the following areas of emphasis: (1) Curricula Design, Materials Development, and Library Resources; (2) Faculty Preparation and Enhancement for Teaching; (3) Instruction Delivery Systems; (4) Scientific Instrumentation for Teaching; (5) Student Experiential Learning; and (6) Student Recruitment, Retention, and Educational Equity (including financial assistance).

A total of four different institutions submitted four proposals for consideration for funding this year, the inaugural year of the program. Institutions submitting proposals were from the following territories: Guam (1) and Puerto Rico (3). These proposals requested a total of $870,576 in USDA funding. In July 2005, the grant applications were evaluated by a 5-member peer review panel comprised of faculty members from land-grant and non land-grant universities and representatives of the Federal government. Panelists represented various academic areas including business, agriculture, natural resources, forestry, veterinary medicine, family and consumer sciences, and closely allied disciplines. Based on the peer review deliberations, funds were available to support two grants to lead institutions in Guam and Puerto Rico. Although not required by USDA, almost all of these institutions are leveraging Federal grant funds with institutional cost-sharing or third party support.

The following chart presents information on the grants awarded under the FY 2005 Resident Instruction Grants Program for Institutions of Higher Education in Insular Areas Program.
## INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS SUPPORTED

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<th>PROJECT DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT, AND INSTITUTION</th>
<th>PROJECT TITLE</th>
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| Luis E. Diaz-Garcia  
University of Puerto Rico - Utuado  
Utuado, Puerto Rico  
2005-05055 | Enhancing Quality and Safety Practices in the Food Science Curriculum and Establishing a Food and Health Nutrition Program | $ 98,454      |
| Lee S. Yudin  
University of Guam  
Mangilao, Guam | Developing Resident Instruction in Food and Agricultural Related Sciences at Land Grant Institutions in the Pacific and Caribbean Islands | $ 370,000    |
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**Total Funds Awarded to States and Lead Institutions**

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