The Project System

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Morrill Land-Grant Act
1862
Practical education suited to
the demands of the industrial
revolution: Agriculture, Mechanics
& military tactics

Smith-Lever Act
1914
Cooperative Extension Services

Hatch Act
1887
Ongoing Federal Funds
for Agricultural Experiment Stations
### CAPACITY FUNDS + MATCH ($M)$

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Accountability for USDA-NIFA Funding

Experiment Stations must …

- Apply for Capacity Funds
- 5-year plan of work
- Annual financial reports
- Annual report of accomplishments
Experiment Station Projects

Who needs one?

- Faculty need an Experiment project if they:
  - Have a research appointment
  OR
  - Receive significant support from AES
  OR
  - Receive a USDA-NIFA grant

- If you are not sure, ask your department chair
Experiment Station Projects

Types of projects:

USDA Capacity-fund projects

- Hatch projects
  - Individual
  - group
- Multistate research
- Animal Health and Disease projects
- McIntire-Stennis projects (forestry)
Experiment Station Projects

Other Types:

USDA National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA) grants

- Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) competitive grants program
- Other competitive & noncompetitive grant programs
- Science and Education Resources Development (SERD) grant program
- Fellowships
Online Project System

Experiment Station projects; AKA “CRIS” projects
- http://cris.nifa.usda.gov/

REEport
- (Research, Education, and Extension project online reporting tool)
Starting a Hatch Project

1. Proposal Development
2. Peer Review
3. Proposal Completion
4. Signatures
5. Initiation
6. NIFA Review
Initiating a Hatch Multistate Project

Step 5: NIFA Review

Step 4: Initiation

Step 3: Research Compliance Approval

Step 2: Department Chair Approval

Step 1: Appendix E

Iowa State University
Iowa Agriculture and Home Economics Experiment Station
Initiating a USDA-NIFA Grant Project

Step 1: Initiation

Step 2: Award Notification

Step 3: NIFA
Progress (annual) or Final report

- Grants: due within 90 days of anniversary date

- Capacity-fund projects: requested in October (with a due date of December 15) for the 12-month period ending 9/30.
Project Reports - Accomplishments

- WRITE FOR an educated, non-scientist
- IMPACT/OUTCOME = are stories that demonstrate change:
  - 1 to 2 brief paragraphs
  - Hits 3 main points
    1. Issue
    2. What was done
    3. Results = a change in something
Project Reports - Accomplishments

- Results = a change in:
  - Knowledge
  - Action
  - Condition
- How do the results benefit or potentially benefit the larger community?
- AFTER the impact/outcome statement: What was accomplished under each goal or objective?
• Actual effort - FTEs
• Target audiences
• Products
• Opportunities for training and personal development
• How results been disseminated to communities of interest
• What you plan to do during the next reporting period
• changes/problems
Please Acknowledge NIFA Funding in Public Communications

- Publications
- Posters
- Interviews
- Press Releases
- Web
- Videos
- Press Events
"This article/paper is a product of the Iowa Agriculture and Home Economics Experiment Station, Ames, Iowa. Project No. IOW0XXXXX is sponsored by Hatch Act and State of Iowa funds."
Multistate Projects & Activities

• Research Committees (NC)
  • Requires an experiment station project
• Coordinating Committees (NCCC)
• Education/Extension and Research Activity (NCERA)
• Development committees (NCDC)
Multistate Projects & Activities

- National Information Management and Support System (NIMSS)
- Official Iowa representative versus Iowa participant
- Requests for participation in multistate activities should come via your department chair
Experiment Station Office: Support for Projects

- Project administration
  - REEport system for submitting project information into the CRIS database
  - Project approval procedures
- Multistate activities
  - All Iowa representation is approved and submitted via the Experiment Station director
- Plan of Work reports
What Is the Experiment Station?

The Iowa Agriculture and Home Economics Experiment Station (IAHEES) is the title of the research program that has addressed immediate and long-term needs of Iowans for more than 115 years. Established at Iowa State in 1888, the Experiment Station fulfilled a Congressional charge for land-grant universities to develop organizations to advance science for the citizens of their states. The dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences serves as director of the Experiment Station.

Where Is the Experiment Station?

Because of its name, the Experiment Station sometimes is mistakenly viewed as Iowa State research farms and labs. Those are important places for its work, but the Experiment Station is not a physical location. Rather, it is a vital research program involving hundreds of people, hundreds of partners and connections to extension reaching Iowans in every county.
Websites

- Experiment Station page: www.iahees.iastate.edu
- CRIS searchable database: http://cris.nifa.usda.gov/search.html
- National Information Management and Support System (NIMSS) for multistate activities: http://www.nimss.org
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