Project System

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Universities used to be for certain kinds of people.

In 1862, Congress passed the Morrill Act, creating a new kind of university. Iowa was first to accept the law's provisions.

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The land-grants were founded on three radical ideas . . .

**Idea No. 1:** Higher ed should be open to all --- women, minorities, the working class.

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Idea No. 2: Universities should teach practical subjects, like farming, engineering and home ec.

Idea No. 3: Universities should share knowledge with people throughout their states. Iowa State profs started the first traveling farmer institutes and "seed corn trains."

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- Morrill Act of 1862
- Hatch Act of 1887
- Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (AREERA)
IAHEES Projects

- AKA Experiment Station projects or CRIS projects

Who needs one?
- Faculty need an IAHEES project if they:
  - Have a research appointment OR
  - Receive significant support from IAHEES OR
  - Receive a USDA NIFA grant

- If you are not sure, ask your department chair
IAHEES Project Types

- USDA Formula–fund projects
  - Hatch projects
    - Regular
    - Multistate research
  - 1433 Animal Health and Disease projects
  - McIntire–Stennis projects (forestry)
IAHEES Project 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
All IAHEES projects require
- Project Initiation in REEport (Research, Education, and Extension project online reporting tool)

All formula projects also need
- Assurance Statements

McIntire–Stennis, Animal Health, and Hatch (regular) also need
- Project outline/proposal
IAHEES Projects

- Progress (annual) or Final report
  - Grants, due within 90 days of anniversary date
  - Formula projects, requested in October for the 12-month period ending 9/30.
    - effort: FTEs for faculty, staff, students involved
    - target audiences
    - Products (publications, patents, PVPs)
    - other products (activities, events, services, databases, models, software, etc.)
IAHEES Projects

- Progress (annual) or Final report (continued)
  - accomplishments
    - WRITE FOR A LAY AUDIENCE
    - What was accomplished under these goals?
    - What opportunities for training and personal development has the project created?
    - How have the results been disseminated to communities of interest?
    - What do you plan to do during the next reporting period to accomplish the goals?
  - changes/problems
Multistate Activities

- Research Committees (NC)
  - Requires an experiment station project
- Coordinating Committees (NCCC)
- Education/Extension and Research Activity (NCERA)
- Development committees (NCDC)
Multistate 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.
Research Programs Office Provides 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 IAHEES director
- Plan of Work reports
Web sites

- IAHEES page: [www.iahees.iastate.edu](http://www.iahees.iastate.edu)
- National Information Management and Support System (NIMSS) for multistate activities: [http://www.nimss.org](http://www.nimss.org)
Iowa Agriculture and Home Economics Experiment Station

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 a vital research program involving hundreds of people, hundreds of partners and connections to extension reaching Iowans in every county.

Why the Experiment Station?

The Experiment Station’s advances in biological, physical and social sciences have contributed greatly to Iowa. Experiment Station research and ISU Extension not only help Iowa remain a world leader in food production, they address societal issues intimately linked to agriculture, including economic development, life-science frontiers, the environment, public policy, and families and communities. Innovation resulting from Experiment Station research is one reason why Iowa State University is among the nation’s leading universities in transferring research and technology into commercial uses. Experiment Station research makes up a significant portion of ISU’s annual patent disclosures and active licensing and commercial agreements.
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