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

Hatch Act  
1887  
Ongoing Federal Funds  
for  
Agricultural  
Experiment  
Stations

Smith-Lever Act  
1914  
Cooperative  
Extension  
Services
## CAPACITY FUNDS for Research ($M)

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<th>FY17 Fed Capacity Funds</th>
<th>Required match (state approp.)</th>
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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
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/
  • Project ID = IOW0

REEport
  • (Research, Education, and Extension project online reporting tool)
  • http://portal.nifa.usda.gov
Starting a Hatch Project

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

Step 1: Department Chair Approval

Step 2: Initiation

Step 3: Research Compliance Approval

Step 4: NIFA Review

Step 5: Appendix E
Initiating a USDA-NIFA Grant Project

Step 1: Initiation

Step 2: Award Notification

Step 3: NIFA
Project Reports

Progress (annual) and final reports...

• 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 or potential 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?
Congressional Testimony/Outreach
Project Reports continued…

• 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. IOW0XXXX is sponsored by Hatch Act and State of Iowa funds."

Acknowledge NIFA Capacity funding
Multistate Projects & Activities

- Research Committees (NC)
  - *Satisfies requirement to be on a 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
  - Project approval procedures, including peer reviews
  - reports
- Multistate activities
  - All Iowa representation is approved and submitted via the Experiment Station director (CALS Dean)
- College reports required by NIFA
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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