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Quick Facts

Incentive Funding Grant for Teacher Preparation Programs

Who is eligible to apply for this grant?

Eligible applicants include regionally accredited institutions of higher education or not-for-profit entities that offer teacher preparation programs in agricultural education. Current recipients include:

- Illinois State University
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Southern Illinois University Carbondale
- Western Illinois University

What is the purpose of this grant?

The purpose of this grant is to support accredited teacher preparation programs in agricultural education. The University Incentive Funding Grant currently has ten recognized goals for program improvement. They are:

1. Recruit undergraduate students into agricultural education
2. Support graduate studies in agricultural education
3. Advise and support students throughout the teacher preparation program
4. Promote quality teacher preparation and methods
5. Increase teacher's technical competency in all agricultural topic areas
6. Place program graduates in Illinois teaching positions
7. Develop professional students and faculty
8. Promote understanding of supervised agricultural experience programs
9. Promote understanding of the FFA organization at all levels
10. Promote understanding and use of agricultural education advisory committees

When is the deadline for the grant?

The annual deadline for this grant application may vary; however, each grant year will run from July 1 to June 30 pending special circumstances. An extension may be granted on a case-by-case basis for summer activities and responsibilities. Programmatic reports (to be filed in the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act portal) and expenditure reports (to be filed in the Financial Reimbursement Information System portal) are required by this grant program and have their own associated timelines.

Where do I complete the grant application?

The grant application is completed in the ISBE Web Application Security. This grant program has two IWAS-based applications--one for quality indicators and one for the budget. The budget application has 10 parts. In the order they appear, they are Applicant Information, Amendments, Budget Pages, Programmatic Risk Assessment, GATA Pages, Assurance Pages, Submit, Application History, Page Lock Control, and Application Print. The most information is required in the Applicant Information and Budget pages. For information on how to complete your application, please visit the [Agriculture Grants webpage](#).

Why should my I participate in this grant program?

Funds from the University Incentive Funding Grant enable teacher preparation programs to do amazing things! From new technology and equipment to professional learning, these funds support what the program needs. Participation in this program is empowering to faculty and aspiring teachers alike.

How do I sign up to participate in this grant program?

Please contact ag_ed@isbe.net with any questions. You can visit the "What's New?" banner on our AFNR webpage to stay up to date on University Incentive Funding. For more, check out the [Agricultural Education Grants webpage](#).