

Research and Extension Experiences for Undergraduates (REEU)

This document highlights stakeholder feedback received from AFRI Education and Workforce Initiative - Research and Extension Experiences for Undergraduates Project Directors during the Project Directors Meeting in Washington, DC from April 11-12, 2018. It also includes updates made from NIFA staff.

1. Renewal applications for REEU in order to build on successful programming and maintain their programs after the initial grant period.

UPDATE: Renewal Applications are included in the 2018 AFRI education and Workforce Development RFA for REEU. These will be reviewed competitively along with New Applications and Resubmitted Applications.

2. Some sort of mechanism to help recruit students to their programs. Potential ideas were through a NIFA hosted website where REEU programs and websites are listed.

UPDATE: Program staff is currently exploring hosting options

3. To better support partnerships for both recruiting and training, particularly with MSIs, small to medium colleges and universities, etc. it would be great to get a summer salary supplement, to have faculty join the REEU program at the host campus.

UPDATE: currently there is no restriction on faculty salaries. All costs beyond student support must be reasonable and modest. Applicants must make the case to the review panel that this is a justifiable cost.

4. Requests that the REEport template/guideline, be more clear on what is needed.

UPDATE: An updated power point created by the Planning, Accountability, and Reporting staff details what to include in REEport and has been posted on the PD meeting confluence website.

5. Publish the RFAs earlier

UPDATE: NIFA staff has been working diligently on streamlining the process to publish RFAs in a timely manner.