

## Guidelines for receiving ANR support for 2010 AFRI applications

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Dear Colleagues,

At the end of this month, Requests for Applications (RFA) for USDA's National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) 2010 grant program are scheduled to be released. As most of you know, the funding pool is larger, the grants are expected to be larger, and a significant part of the total grant pool will be reserved for integrated research, education, and extension projects. UC ANR wants to aid research/extension teams for projects that are relevant to the Division's Strategic Initiatives, in their efforts to compete for these funds. If you are interested, please see the process, criteria, and other details below.

The proposal criteria to receive ANR support on developing 2010 AFRI grant applications are as follows:

1. Multi-disciplinary
2. Within scope of the SI issue/question area
3. Integrated research and extension

ANR will support 2010 AFRI grant applications in the following ways:

- The Program Support Unit will provide logistical (meeting planning, travel etc) support
- Communication Services will provide communicator/grant writing support to help improve proposal drafts (not write the grant)
- ANR will provide travel funds for teams to get together to work on proposals (ANR employees only)
- ANR will establish a Help desk to answer any questions and support the budget development and submission processes
- ANR will communicate AFRI trainings

The process to receive ANR support for 2010 AFRI applications is as follows:

1. Applicants submit a paragraph addressing the criteria above, including a project title, planned outcomes and projected participants, to the appropriate Strategic Initiative Leader
2. Strategic Initiative Leader reviews and approves paragraph regarding pre-proposal, according to alignment with criteria
3. Upon approval, the new Program Support Unit provides the support (see the scope of support below) requested by the selected applicant teams to facilitate the development of their pre-proposals
4. Applicants develop and submit pre-proposals to AFRI
5. ANR will provide support to full proposal development to those approved through the pre-proposal process

If you are considering an AFRI application, please contact the appropriate initiative leader:

- Sustainable Food Systems - Joe Di Tomaso, [jmditomaso@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jmditomaso@ucdavis.edu)
- Healthy Families and Communities - Sharon Junge, [skjunge@ucdavis.edu](mailto:skjunge@ucdavis.edu)
- Sustainable Natural Ecosystems - James Bartolome, [jwbart@berkeley.edu](mailto:jwbart@berkeley.edu)
- Endemic and Invasive Plants and Diseases - Ian Gardner, [iagardner@ucdavis.edu](mailto:iagardner@ucdavis.edu)

If you have any questions about the process, please contact the appropriate Strategic Initiative Leader. You can discuss with them your needs regarding travel or communication aid to pull research teams together; assistance for grant budget development, extension and outreach components of grants, and potential matching funds.

Sincerely,

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