United States Department of Agriculture

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

NIFA GRANTS WORKSHOP IN TEXAS — AUGUST 26-28, 2015

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY 1 – AUGUST 26, 2015

6:00pm – 7:00pm	Texas State University Networking Meeting Embassy Suites San Marcos	Introduction by T. Jaime Chahin, Ph.D., Dean, College of Applied Arts Remarks by Provost Gene Bourgeois, Ph.D. Texas State University

DAY 2 – AUGUST 27, 2015

7:30am – 8:30am	Conference Registration	
8:30am – 9:00am	Welcome and Introduction	Texas State University Representatives T. Jaime Chahin, Ph.D. Irma Lawrence, Ed.D. Siva Sureshwaran, Ph.D.
9:00am – 9:15am	Introduction to NIFA	Sonny Ramaswamy, Ph.D.
9:20am – 9:55am	**Session 1 – Introduction to AFRI** • Types of Grants • Challenge, Foundational and FASE grants • Q & A (5 minutes)	Margo Holland, Ph.D.
10:00am – 10:35am	**Session 2 – Programs on Nutrition, Food Safety, and Childhood Obesity** • Nutrition and Childhood Obesity Prevention • Food Safety • Q & A (5 minutes)	Jodi Williams, Ph.D. Jeanette Thurston, Ph.D.
10:35am – 11:00am	**MORNING BREAK**	
11:00am – 1:50pm	**Session 3 – Bioenergy, Climate and the Environment** • Water for Agriculture • Agriculture and Natural Resources Science for Climate Variability and Change • Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) • Q & A (5 minutes)	Ali Mohamed, Ph.D.
12:00pm – 1:00pm	**NETWORKING LUNCH** Select your topic of interest	

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1:00pm – 1:45pm	**Session 4 – Education Programs** • Secondary, Post-Secondary Education Grants Program • National Needs Fellowships, NIFA Fellows, Multicultural Scholars, Challenge • ELI • Q & A (5 minutes)	Siva Sureshwaran, Ph.D.
1:50pm – 2:30pm	**Session 5 – HSIs Education Grants Program** • HSIs Education Grants Program • Successful Stories of NIFA Grants in Texas • Q & A (5 minutes)	Irma Lawrence, Ed.D. Tanner Joseph Machado, Ph.D. JoAnn Canales, Ph.D. Douglas Morrish, Ph.D.
2:30pm – 2:45pm	**AFTERNOON BREAK**	
2:50pm – 3:25pm	**Session 6 – Food Production and Sustainability** • Global Food Security and Sustainability • Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP) • Specialty Crops (SCRI) • Q & A (5 minutes)	Margo Holland, Ph.D.
3:30pm – 4:15pm	**Session 7 – Writing a Proposal** • Idea development activity divided in groups of interest selected • Dividing into Teams (5 min) • Ideas/Partners (10 min) • Approach (10 min) • Budget (10 min) • Impact (5 min) • Evaluation (5 min)	Nicole Wagner, Ph.D. Omar Lopez, Ph.D. Evy Gonzales Catherine Hardin
4:15pm – 4:30pm	**EVALUATION & ADJOURN**	

DAY 3 – AUGUST 28, 2015

8:00am – 9:30am	Employer browse, USDA On-the-Spot Hiring Event
10:00am – 12 noon	On-the-Spot interviews

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Presenters

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