

## Limited Submission

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

<https://www.nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2024-01/FY24-EGP-RFA-P.pdf>

**WVU Internal Letter of Intent Due: March 13, 2024**

Full Proposal Due to NIFA: May 3, 2024

## Synopsis

The Equipment Grants Program (EGP), Assistance Listing, serves to increase access to shared special purpose equipment/instruments for scientific research for use in the food and agricultural sciences programs in our Nation's institutions of higher education, including State Cooperative Extension Services. The program seeks to improve the quality and expand the scope of fundamental and applied research at eligible institutions, by providing organizations with opportunities to acquire equipment/instruments that supports the research, research training, and extension goals of the organization. The program emphasizes shared-use instrumentation that will enhance the capabilities of researchers and extension agents both within and outside the proposing organization. **The EGP will only support Standard Grants with a funding request between \$25,000 and \$500,000 and a project duration of up to four years.**

Descriptions of previous awardees can be found here: <https://cris.nifa.usda.gov/cgi-bin/starfinder/0?path=fastlink1.txt&id=anon&pass=&search=%28GC%3Degp%29&format=WEBTITLESGIY>

## **Institutions are limited to two proposals per competition.**

If you are interested in submitting for this solicitation or are part of a collaborative submission with partners beyond WVU, you must first submit an internal Letter of Intent (LOI)

## Internal LOI Instructions:

Email to: [WVU\\_Internal@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:WVU_Internal@mail.wvu.edu) with subject line: "NIFA-EPG Letter of Intent" (see internal deadline above)

To include:

- PI and departmental affiliation
- One page justification to include:
  - Proposed equipment purchase and location at WVU
  - Why you can't access the resource elsewhere
  - Explain the impact of the new purchase upon the advancement and quality of research and training or extension elements at WVU. Refer to scientific merit and institutional long-range goals.
- Separate table with list of all potential faculty level users with current funding sources (agency and amount)
- Brief explanation of management, maintenance and sustainability plan (1 paragraph)
- If you plan to resubmit an EGP from any of the last three years, you must attach all reviews.

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