1890 Faculty Research Sabbatical Program (FRSP)

FY 2024 Informational Session
About ARS and the 1890 FRSP
ARS delivers scientific solutions to national and global agricultural challenges

90+ research locations

4 Overseas Laboratories
ARS research focuses on four program areas

- Animal Production and Protection
- Crop Production and Protection
- Natural Resources and Sustainable Agricultural Systems
- Nutrition, Food Safety, and Quality
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Aims to build 1890 LGU research capacity and foster mutually beneficial research partnerships between ARS and 1890 LGUs
What 1890 LGU faculty are eligible to apply?

- Tenure- or research-track faculty
- Must be employed ≥ 3 years at current institution at time of application submission
What ARS employees are eligible to apply?

- Category I and IV Scientists and National Agricultural Library employees
- Must have active delegation of authority as an ARS Principal Investigator
1890 FRSP Reach and Participation to Date

31 research collaborations awarded

24 ARS research locations have participated in the program
Sixteen 1890 LGUs have participated to date
About the FY 2024 Program
Awards are funded at up to $125,000 to support a residency at an ARS research location

• **Continuous residency**: A residency of 6 to 12 consecutive months onsite at an ARS laboratory.

• **Two-part residency**: A residency of 6 to 12 months, divided in two parts and completed within a two-year period.

The 1890 FRSP awards may be funded at up to $125,000 to support salary and residency expenses (e.g., housing, personal living expenses, travel, and research costs), and maximum funding levels will be pro-rated according to the length of the residency.
Expectations

- Residencies are full-time, requiring 1890 LGU faculty members to be minimally engaged in their normal faculty duties during their sabbatical.
- As committed partners, ARS host mentors will invest time and attention in training and serving as collaborators.
- Program participants will complete a Research Performance Progress Report annually and at the conclusion of their project.
- Participation in this program will be the start of a long-term relationship.
FY 2023 Program Timeframe

- April 15, 2024
- June 1, 2024
- June 15, 2024
- September 1, 2024
- June 1, 2025
- Applications Due*
- Awardees Notified
- Earliest start date of the NACA
- Earliest Date for Residency to Start
- Latest Date for Residency to Start

1890 LGU faculty members must begin drawing funds from their FY 24 NACA and all ARS PI-received funds must be spent no later than September 30, 2024.
Max funding rate will be pro-rated based on duration of onsite residency

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ARS host mentor may retain up to $25,000 of the total budget request to support the collaboration

Purchase supplies and equipment

Support travel related to capacity-building activities

Pay for publication costs
Max funding to 1890 LGU via NACA
(Funding to ARS host mentor comes out of the total maximum amount)

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How to apply for the FY 2024 Program
What do I need to include in my application?

- CVs of 1890 LGU faculty applicant and prospective
- ARS host mentor
- Letter from 1890 LGU supporting the application
- Project description
- Budget
Propose a mutually beneficial cooperative research project.

Include introductory context, research objectives, materials and methods, and expected outcomes and impacts.

Successful proposals are developed collaboratively by the 1890 and ARS research partners.

Project information template available for completing research proposals.
Budget

✓ 1890 LGU applicants must complete Budget for Non-Assistance Cooperative Agreements Research and Related Budget (Total Fed + Non-Fed), provide budget justification.

✓ Cooperator Resource Contributions are waived for 1890 FRSP awards.

✓ Indirect costs are prohibited.

✓ ARS scientists requesting funds must complete budget table in information template.
Submission Procedures

✓ ARS host mentor must submit completed applications internally through their supervisory chain.

✓ ARS Area Director’s Office must submit approved applications to 1890FRSP@usda.gov no later than April 15, 2024.

✓ Complete applications will be forwarded to ARS National Program Leaders and other ARS leadership for review, comment, and rating.
Proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Relevance and utility to the base-funded research of the ARS host scientist
- Scientific merit of the proposed research
- Mutual benefit to the ARS and 1890 LGU collaborators
- Ability to lead to longer-term benefits and impacts for the state where the 1890 LGU is located and beyond
- Ability to lay the foundation for longer-term collaborations between ARS and the 1890 LGU

**Although ARS will attempt to maximize the number of institutions receiving awards, multiple awards may be made to the same university based on the quality of the proposals.**
Successful applications

• Are collaboratively prepared

• Meet the review criteria

• Are thoughtfully budgeted

• Clearly describe how the sabbatical will draw on the strengths of both ARS and the 1890 LGU partner

• Describe how the sabbatical will establish and maintain a longer-term relationship between the 1890 LGU and ARS

• Provide compelling and persuasive narrative on why we should fund your project
Before submitting your application

- Review your institution’s sabbatical policies.
- Discuss your application with your institution’s Office of Sponsored Programs.
- Review the 1890 FRSP Program Information Document.
- Email 1890FRSP@usda.gov with your questions.
How do I find a research partner for this program?
Visit the 1890 Partnerships Hub

1890 Partnerships Hub: 
https://www.ars.usda.gov/research/1890-faculty-research-sabbatical-program/1890-faculty-research-sabbatical-program-partnerships-hub/
Calls to action

• Access program information and templates on the 1890 FRSP web pages: https://go.usa.gov/xeu6C
• Email 1890FRSP@usda.gov with your questions.
• Submit your application early!
• Subscribe to receive 1890 FRSP news and updates: https://tinyurl.com/2mkymjm
• Tell your colleagues about the 1890 FRSP.
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