

## ARD Updates

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Message from the Chair  
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Dear Friends and Colleagues,  
Over the past several months, the research directors have been communicating with our policy makers and their staffers at the federal and state levels on major 1890 programs, research infrastructure and needed resources relative to the 2023 Farm Bill and the FY 2024 and FY 2025 federal appropriations. Our meetings have been productive, and it was clear that the policy-

makers understood the long-term inequities experienced by 1890s, and the inequities experienced by other minority-serving institutions. They also understood the unique needs of our stakeholders, particularly as it relates to the widening quality of life disparities, including health challenges, resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

For the next several months, the research directors will be actively engaged in meetings at the Joint Committee on Organization and Policy (COPs) and with the 1890 University Presidents and Chancellors, hosted by the Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Policy Center at Alcorn State University, to discuss and vet, respectively, priority impacts and justifications for the land-grant system, the mutual priorities with USDA and how the 1890s can contribute to the success of those priorities.

Plans are also underway for the 2024 Biennial ARD Research Symposium. The ARD Research Symposium has become the foremost network for integrating scholarly experiences between researchers and undergraduate and graduate students in the food and agricultural sciences at the 1890 land-grant universities. The 2024 Research Symposium, hosted by Tennessee State University, will be held April 6-9 at the Gaylord Opryland in Nashville. The steering committee, chaired by Dr. Orlando F. McMeans (Southern University Ag Center) and co-chaired by me will be meeting next month to continue the planning process, including confirming the symposium theme, identifying potential speakers, outlining the sessions and

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USDA announces 2023-26  
strategic plan

The following was sent by **Chavonda Jacobs-Young, Ph.D.** under secretary, Research, Education, and Economics & USDA chief scientist

Last month, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and I launched the “**USDA Science and Research Strategy, 2023-2026: Cultivating Scientific Innovation.**”

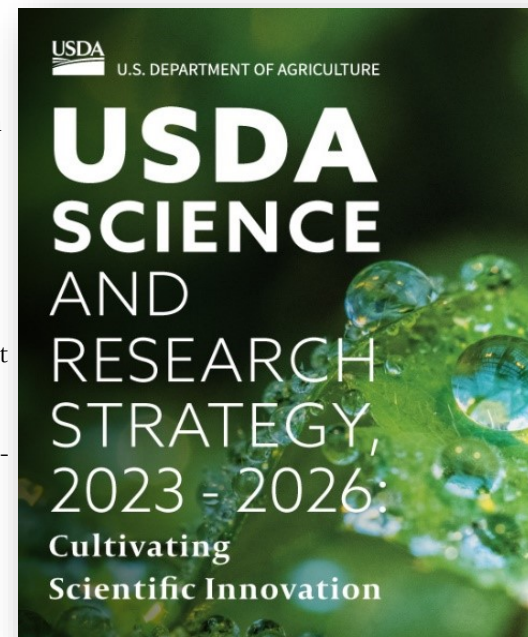
This bold, forward-thinking plan will drive USDA’s research and development priorities for the next three years to ensure America remains a global leader in agriculture and innovation.

The Strategy outlines how science and research can shape the future of agriculture and forestry to ensure our systems and practices are productive, profitable, and sustainable.

Within this strategy, we’ve identified five key research priorities to address complex agricultural issues:

- Accelerating Innovative Technologies & Practices
- Driving Climate-Smart Solutions
- Bolstering Nutrition Security & Health
- Cultivating Resilient Ecosystems
- Translating Research into Action

Aligning with **USDA’s Strategic Plan for FY 2022-2026**, these cross-cutting priorities reflect input from our stakeholders and partners. They reflect the obstacles and op-



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# NIFA launches 1890 Scholar profiles



## USDA 1890 National Scholars Program

NIFA is launching a series of profile pieces to highlight the 1890 Scholars working at the agency. The USDA/1890 National Scholar Program is aimed at bolstering educational and career opportunities for students from rural or underserved communities around the country. It was established in 1992 as part of the partnership between USDA and the 1890 land-grant universities (LGUs).

USDA's Office of Partnerships and Public Engage-

ment manages the program, which is aimed at increasing the number of students from rural and underserved communities who study food, agriculture, natural resources and other related sciences. The scholarship provides recipients with full tuition, fees, books and room and board. Scholarship recipients attend one of the 1890 LGUs, and pursue degrees in agriculture, food, natural resource sciences or related academic disciplines. The opportunity also includes potential work experience at USDA.

The program is a crucial part of USDA's Next Generation efforts, and NIFA is proud to be a partner in the initiative. Beginning with the next issue of the ARD newsletter, we will profile 1890 Scholars currently employed with the agency. For FY 23, 12 1890 Scholars are working at NIFA.

## Dynamic speaker sought for APLU lecture

NIFA and APLU sponsor a lecture presented at the APLU annual meeting. The [lecture](#) series honors three men who helped create the land-grant university system: Seaman A. Knapp for Extension; William Henry Hatch for research; and Justin Smith Morrill for whom the Morrill Act creating the land-grant university system is named. This year, the lecture series honors Knapp.

NIFA and APLU are looking for a dynamic speaker,

who can provoke discussion among meeting participants, with an insightful lecture to be given prior to the APLU annual meeting in November in Seattle, Washington. While the groups seek recommendations from those within the land-grant University system, nominations are encouraged from all sources.

Recommendations should be [submitted online](#) on or before **July 31**.

## ESS DEI deadline extended

The Experiment Station Section (ESS) seeks nominations of individuals, teams, or programs for the National Experiment Station Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Award. This award recognizes the creation or implementation of pluralistic and inclusive efforts at the local, state, regional or national level; efforts that go beyond meeting EEO/AA program requirements.

The due date for submissions of nominations has been extended until June 30, 2023. As a reminder, there are two awards for which we are seeking submissions: individual and group. We encourage you to recognize the exemplary DEI work of your colleagues.

Please check the [call for nominations](#) and make submissions through our [DEI nominations portal](#).



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portunities we face and define how USDA plans to meet this moment using science and research.

Interwoven throughout this strategy and centered at the heart of each priority is our commitment to equity. To have the greatest impact, our research must be inclusive of and accessible to the millions of people we serve.

This strategy is meant to spur innovation and collaboration across USDA and with our partners, stakeholders and in communities as we take on the world's greatest challenges together.

Cooperation from all sectors — public and private — is vital to the strategy's success. I encourage all of you, with your diverse backgrounds, expertise and networks to take time to review this plan and to see how your work intersects with these priorities.

Join the conversation! As we implement this strategy over the next three years, your voices are critical. This is a call to action for you, our stakeholders, and partners nationwide, to propose big, audacious ideas around the priorities we've set forth. How can we work together to make lasting and impactful changes?

## FAS accepting 2023 research proposals



USDA's Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS) is now accepting proposals for the FY2023 [Scientific Co-operation Research](#)

[Program \(SCRP\)](#). FAS recommends institutions of higher education, specifically, the U.S. land-grant colleges and universities collaborate on these limited opportunities. Applications are due by **July 7** and should be submitted via ezFedGrants.

SCRP supports FAS's strategic goals by mobilizing the scientific communities' accumulated knowledge and technologies through the funding of joint research, Extension and education projects. These projects are between U.S. researchers and researchers from selected emerging market economies, last up to two years, and address such as agricultural trade and market access, animal and plant health, biotechnology, food safety and security, climate smart agriculture and sustainable natural resource management. Direct questions or requests for additional information to [Chris Biles](#) and [Nicola Sakhleh](#) Fellowship Programs, Global Programs.

## Tuskegee to host biological threats conference



### 1890 Land Grant Institution & HBCU Visit

#### WHAT:

A unique opportunity to visit and learn about careers at the nation's only large animal BSL-4 Facility fighting against biological threats

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Administrators, faculty, and staff from 1890 LGI & other HBCUs

#### SITE VISIT DATES:

July 23-25, 2023 (23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> will be travel days)

#### BENEFITS:

Create network for graduate fellowship funding, research partnerships, faculty and student exchange, as well as internship and permanent hiring opportunities.

REGISTER: <https://forms.gle/ZAZGmxwcKxhMf5Gq6>

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on behalf of Dr. Olga Bolden-Tiller at Tuskegee University.

Please ignore the link in the graphic and contact [Michaela Pines](#) directly for more information.

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student development activities, finalizing criteria for the research awards and determining registration costs.

Finally, Juneteenth (June 19) commemorates the day in 1865 when Major General Gordon Granger announced the end of slavery in Galveston, Texas, two years after the Emancipation Proclamation.

The news sparked the period known as Reconstruction. This is our third year celebrating Juneteenth as a federal holiday. ARD has always recognized Juneteenth as a time to celebrate African American freedom, history, heritage and culture. Moreover, ARD will continue to engage in innovative research to contribute to solutions to the problems adversely affecting African Americans and other groups that have been underserved or marginalized. We have much work ahead of us, and the struggle for access, equity, inclusion and diversity cannot rest.



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### 1890 Land Grant Universities

- [Alabama A&M University](#)
- [Alcorn State University](#)
- [Central State University](#)
- [Delaware State University](#)
- [Florida A&M University](#)
- [Fort Valley State University](#)
- [Kentucky State University](#)
- [Langston University](#)
- [Lincoln University](#)
- [North Carolina A&T State University](#)
- [Prairie View A&M University](#)
- [South Carolina State University](#)
- [Southern University and A&M College](#)
- [Tennessee State University](#)
- [Tuskegee University](#)
- [University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff](#)
- [University of Maryland Eastern Shore](#)
- [Virginia State University](#)
- [West Virginia State University](#)

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## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE, School of Agriculture and Natural Resources.**

[Assistant or Associate Professor: Bioinformatics and/or Biostatistics](#)

[Assistant or Associate Professor: Precision Agriculture](#)

[Assistant Professor of Biology: Cell Biology/Immunotoxicology/ Metabolism](#)

[Assistant or Associate Professor: Fashion Merchandising and Textiles Program](#)

[Assistant or Associate Professor: Nutrition and Dietetics](#)

[Assistant Professor and Agribusiness /Resource Economist Specialist](#)

[Chair, Department of Agriculture Food Resources Science](#)

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY, College of Agriculture and Human Sciences**

[Research Associate Professor \(Ruminant Nutritional Physiology\) \(myworkdayjobs.com\)](#)

[Business Operations](#)

**UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF, School of Agriculture, Fisheries and Human**

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**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCES, [Chief Executive Officer](#)**

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY, College of Agricultural Sciences, [Senior Associate Dean](#)**



## CALENDAR

**2023 JOINT COPS SUMMER MEETING** | July 18-20, 2023 | Loew's Kansas City Hotel, 1515 Wyandotte St., Kansas City, MO 64108 | Phone: (816-897-7070).

The Joint Committees on Organization and Policy (and associated groups) is the elected and appointed leadership from the Board on Agriculture Assembly sections executive committees (Academic Programs Section, Administrative Heads Section, Cooperative Extension Section, Experiment Station Section, International Agriculture Section), The Board on Health and Human Sciences (BHHS), Council on Agriculture Research, Extension and Teaching (CARET) executive committee and liaisons, the Policy Board of Directors and the three standing committees of the Policy Board of Directors: Budget and Advocacy Committee, Committee on Legislation and Policy (Farm Bill), and Communication and Marketing Committee.

**2023 NEW ADMINISTRATORS ORIENTATION** | July 19-21, 2023 (same location)

The event will have one-day crossover meetings with Joint COPS so that BAA and BHHS leadership can interact with the new administrators beginning at noon on Wednesday July 19. The New Administrators Orientation is intended for individuals on the Board on Agriculture Assembly and their supporting administrators or faculty, who have entered an administrative position recently; USDA-NIFA personnel who are interested; and any others who would like to learn more about APLU, the Land-Grant University System, the BAA, and USDA.

[View Draft Agenda.](#)

**SOUTHERN REGION ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS & CARET JOINT SUMMER MEETING** | July 28-30, 2023

Crowne Plaza - Knoxville, TN

The [website link](#) has registration and hotel reservation information and an overall meeting schedule. The registration deadline is Friday, July 7th.

**agINNOVATION/ESS/SAES/ARD FALL MEETING** |

Sept, 24-25, Grand Rapids Michigan | Catalyzing Solutions to Climate Change Impacts on Food Security through Partnerships, Hosted by Michigan State University



**SAVE THE DATE**

**81ST ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL AGRICULTURAL WORKERS CONFERENCE** | Oct, 29-31, 2023, Renaissance Montgomery Hotel and Spa