

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAND-GRANT CAMPUS  
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS  
SOUTHERN INSTITUTE FOR FOOD, NUTRITION AND WELLNESS  
(SUIFNW)**



**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY**  
AGRICULTURAL LAND-GRANT CAMPUS

**Background**

The Research and Extension Grant program for the Southern Institute for Food, Nutrition and Wellness (SIFSNW) is one of many new initiatives to enhance research and extension and outreach on the Land-Grant Campus. The program will be initiated in fiscal year 2019. The area of focus is to bring together teams of faculty, staff and students with a diverse background and education, experienced and stakeholder oriented to work on serious but preventable health problems in our state. Also it will be on the tripartite “land-grant” mission of teaching, research and extension to contribute solutions to improve the health and well-being of Louisiana residents.

Therefore, applications are invited in the areas of research, extension and outreach related to Food Science and agricultural products, Community Nutrition and Wellness, Human Health and Performance and Food Policy and Food Access. These areas will potentially impact the clientele of Southern University. Proposed activities may cover one or multiple academic disciplines. Furthermore, the proposed projects may involve only research, or outreach or a combination of these functions at the land-grant campus.

**Vision**

To be recognized as one of the world renowned institute for conducting innovative food, nutrition and wellness research and education to enhance the quality of life and reduce nutrition and health disparities among Louisiana citizens, nation and the world.

**Mission**

Make Louisiana “The Healthy State” and the model for the Southern Region, the United States and the world.

**Goals**

- To conduct research in the areas of healthy foods, food safety, access to fresh produce at all times, health promotion and disease prevention

- To provide education and outreach to the families so they can make practical decisions that can improve their wellness.
- to draw on the strengths of the entire university as it physically co-locates and strategically aligns the diverse competencies and deep capacity of Southern University to address society's major unmet health problems.
- To be recognized at the national and international levels

**Types of Projects**

The Land-Grant’s Office of Research will award faculty and staff grant projects could be a continuation of ongoing or previously completed work involving research and/or extension activities however our goal is to position ourselves to address new and emerging issues.

**Funding Cycle**

Project activities are expected to be completed **within 3 years**.

**Content of Applications Submitted for Funding**

**Cover Page** --- (Title of Project; Principal Investigator and Co-Investigators’ Names and Contact Information – Use SULGC Proposal Routing Form – Revised 2019).

**Project Abstract**

**Project Narrative** --- (Limited to a maximum of five pages).  
(will include):

- i. Justification/Problem Statement, Rationale and Significance
- ii. Project Objective(s)
- iii. Literature Review
- iv. Approach and Methods
- v. Expected Outcomes/ Impact
- vi. Project Evaluation Methods
- vii. Project Timetable with Measurable Milestones
- viii. Literature Cited

**Itemized Budget**

Description of Expenses	Cost
<b>Total</b>	

*Non-eligible expense items:* Faculty and staff salary (including summer pay); graduate student’s stipends or assistantships (unless it is part of a graduate student proposal).

**Budget Narrative and Justification**

**Investigator(s)' Summary Vita** – (Limited to two pages for each investigator).

**Proposal Review Criteria** –

The Office of Research *will seek to fund the most worthy projects with the financial resources allocated to the SIFSNW*. Submitted proposals will be reviewed by *a committee of three to five and may include off-campus evaluators to ensure impartiality and fairness* to all applicants.

Proposals submitted will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

- Is the problem or issue well delineated in the justification/ problem statement section of the proposal?
- Are the Goals/Objectives specific and congruent with the justification/problem defined?
- Does the proposed project contribute to a broader research or outreach program?
- Is the proposed approach feasible and relevant in the context of the problem defined? Will the approach be conducive to positive outcomes/ results in the timeframe of the proposed project cycle?
- Is the proposed budget adequate and consistent with proposed project activities?
- Is the continuation plan clearly explained in the proposal? Will the expected outcome/results of the seed grant lead to future funding of expanded research and/or outreach projects by outside agencies or private sector firms?
- Is the evaluation plan feasible?