

USDA ARS Collaborators Who Participate on ISU Proposals and Funded Awards

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Federal Requirements

Due to a combination of federal and ISU policy, USDA ARS collaborators typically cannot serve as PIs on Iowa State University (ISU) proposals or awards.

With authorization from USDA ARS, USDA ARS collaborators can serve as Co-PIs on proposals to the National Science Foundation (NSF) and as Co-PIs on proposals to third parties that intend to submit a proposal as the prime on an NSF funding opportunity and intend to subaward to ISU. USDA ARS collaborators cannot have any supervisory or financial authority over a project if funded. Should USDA ARS collaborators be interested in serving as Co-PI or as key personnel on an NSF or NSF pass through proposal to be submitted by ISU, they should contact their USDA ARS Administrative Officer for authorization. USDA ARS collaborator participation in NSF proposals will be as a USDA ARS employee, not as an ISU employee.

For proposals involving USDA ARS collaboration to be submitted by ISU to any sponsor other than NSF (or NSF pass through), USDA ARS requires ISU to budget a subaward or subcontract to USDA ARS for their participation in the project. USDA ARS authorization is required for this type of collaboration.

Routing GoldSheets with ARS Collaborators

The Office of Sponsored Programs Administration (OSPA) does not have a process available to identify USDA ARS collaborators, nor the ability to confirm collaborators have the necessary approval from the USDA ARS Administrative Officer to serve on a proposal. Therefore, departments and colleges that route proposals to OSPA containing USDA ARS collaborator participation are required to confirm any needed approvals with USDA ARS prior to routing the proposal and provide the approved USDA ARS internal routing form for any USDA ARS collaborator serving on an ISU proposal.

Upon Receipt of an Award

If an award is granted, USDA ARS collaborators are not authorized by USDA ARS to manage any ISU funds and, as a result, cannot be listed or named as a fiduciary authority on any project accounts. They are also not eligible for ISU PI Incentive accounts. They also may not supervise ISU personnel or students.