

Sponsor/Title: Department of State (DOS) - Feed the Future Innovation Labs

External Link: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/361412>

Funding Opportunity Number: DFOP0017826

Submission Limitation per Institution: Two (2) applications as the Management Entity (ME).

Notre Dame Limited Submissions Listing:

<https://research.nd.edu/our-services/funding-opportunities/faculty/limited-submissions-program/>

Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-03-16, by **12:00 Noon**

Sponsor Statement of Interest (SOI) Deadline: 2026-04-09

Overview: America First investments in agricultural research through the FtF Innovation Labs benefit the world's poorest regions while also providing major benefits to the United States. The Department of State invites eligible applicants to advance global food security in alignment with U.S. policy through targeted research that meets one or both of the following core objectives:

1. Advances agricultural science and research to increase productivity, mitigate threats to production systems, and support food systems to reduce hunger and malnutrition through enhanced supply of nutritious and safe foods; and/or
2. Increases demand for individual and household consumption of nutritious, safe foods as part of healthy diets, and improves market pathways and opportunities for government and private sector actors to promote consumption of nutritious and safe foods.

The Management Entity of each respective FtF Innovation Lab is expected to help implement and communicate impact pathways from research to development outcomes via partnerships with other USG programs, national partners, private companies, community-based organizations, such as faith-based organizations, and other donors and their programs. Programs must ensure U.S. investments directly benefit American safety, strength, and prosperity. Proposals should clearly address how the research activities will support both global food security and U.S. national security and economic interests, reduce the need for repeated humanitarian assistance, expand market access for U.S. companies, and protect the U.S. agriculture industry.

Internal Application Requirements: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/svQwPxVjW2SLX3WG8> by the internal deadline:

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- All ND Collaborators:
 - For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).
- Project Summary: Three (3) pages (maximum) addressing the following Review Criteria as outlined on pages 21-22, in the NOFO.
 - Quality of Program Idea
 - Program Planning/Ability to Achieve Objectives
 - Organizational Capacity and Record on Previous Grants

Questions: Contact Notre Dame Research Limited Submissions at limited@nd.edu.

All internal applications must be submitted by 12:00 Noon Eastern Time on the deadline for the internal expression of interest.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.