

**Develop a White Paper with Academic Leader's
Input from Colleges of Agriculture Across the U.S.
to Influence the Form of AFRI within NIFA.**

Issue: Enhanced human capacity in the Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource sciences is needed to address critical societal issues. By further funding and integrating human capacity development with all issue-based research will shorten time from discovery to implementation while preparing more people to make a difference.

What has been done: Over 3 years, a summit was commissioned to be held by the National Academy of Science, follow-on surveys were conducted of AASCARR and APLU member institutions, then 3 national meetings were committed to developing a whitepaper that served as a companion piece to the NAS publication. These were used by NIFA personnel as they developed the requests for proposals for AFRI. **Impacts:** We hope a roadmap has been developed for the next decade. Specifically every AFRI major program solicitation includes deeply integrated educational and human capacity requirements.

Funding Sources, Cooperators, Partners, Mentors etc.: APLU, National Academies, Broad Agency on Agriculture – Academic Programs Section

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