



APLU FY2011 APPROPRIATIONS PRIORITIES STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (USAID)

Higher Education in Africa: US Higher Education Partnerships

APLU Request: \$30 million

(PBR = not included; FY2010 = \$15M; FY2009 = n/a; FY2008 = n/a)

(Note: *The Administration's request has not in the past and does not for FY2011 designate a specific funding level for the Higher Education in Africa. FY2010 was the first year of appropriated funding for this program.*)

- Within the higher education program at USAID, APLU requests designated funding to expand the USAID pilot program to fund long-term partnerships linking African and U.S. higher education institutions and their strategic partners.
- USAID has provided \$1 million for planning grants for an initial partnership program between African and U.S. higher education institutions. Over 300 proposals came in for 33 awards. The overwhelming participation in this small competition demonstrates the robust interest that U.S. universities have to partner with African universities in building their capacity. The need for investment in higher education is great in sub-Saharan Africa, where institutions of higher education have been critically underfunded and neglected for several decades.

Collaborative Research Support Programs (CRSPs)

APLU Request: \$34.5 million and bill language

(PBR = not included; FY2010 = \$31.5M; FY2009 = \$29M; FY2008 = \$28M)

(Note: *The Administration's request has not in the past and does not for FY2011 designate a specific funding level for the Collaborative Research Support Programs.*)

- The CRSPs leverage the expertise of U.S. universities to help build human and institutional capacity of developing countries while conducting problem-solving research to improve their agricultural practices and help them feed their own people. This competitively bid program engages U.S. university capabilities for important international development needs. It improves agricultural practices, addresses the food crisis, and helps poor countries be more self-sustaining. Currently there are nine CRSPs involving researchers at 50 universities in 39 states and territories.
- APLU seeks to ensure the amount appropriated for the CRSPs is explicitly included in the bill language. Without bill language, and even with strong report language, USAID has sought to cut support for the CRSPs in prior years. With the a priority on global food security and corresponding increased budget numbers, additional funding for the CRSPs will help the Administration achieve its goals in this area. The language request is, *"Provided further, that of the funds appropriated under this heading, not less than \$34,500,000 in core funding shall be made available for Collaborative Research Support Programs."*