

COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM

BOARD POLICY No. 1550

Cooperative Research and Extension-Land Grant Programs

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References:

Land-grant college status was granted to the College of Micronesia (COM) in 1980 through Section 506(a) of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Public Law 92-318, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 301 note). As such, when the three colleges of the COM system became autonomous institutions under separate governing boards in 1993, land-grant status remained with the COM. Land-grant programs are extended to the COM-FSM through a memorandum of understanding with COM.

Three main categories of programs are offered: 1) Extension, 2) Research; and 3) Resident Instruction/Education.

The land-grant program is collectively under the Department of Cooperative Research and Extension at the COM-FSM, headed by the Vice President of Cooperative Research and Extension (VPCRE).

Programs under the Cooperative Research and Extension include:

- Cooperative Extension Services (CES) – focuses on extension programs to improve the quality of life while maintaining a strong cultural identity and healthy environment. Extension provides non-formal education and learning activities to people throughout the FSM. It emphasizes taking knowledge gained through research and education and bringing it directly to the people to create positive changes. The CES programs are based at the state campuses.
- Agriculture Experiment Station (AES) – The research program generates knowledge through strategic research to enhance agriculture and natural resources and communities. AES researchers are in Pohnpei, Kosrae, Chuuk, and Yap.
- Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) - addresses critical societal concerns by employing paraprofessional staff and influencing the nutrition and physical activity behaviors of low-income families, particularly those with young children. The EFNEP is operated through the state CRE office.
- Resident Instruction (RI) – supports academic programs with a focus on natural resources, agriculture, and food science. RI supports the college's general agriculture and marine science associate degree programs. The Vice President for Instructional Affairs (VPIA) office administers the RI program with financial support from the COM-Land Grant.

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A state campus coordinator locally administers all state CRE activities, facilities, and personnel.

Program development, management, and fiscal administration are the responsibility of the VPCRE office in collaboration with the Comptroller and the COM-Land Grant administration.