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## **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 1981 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 COM. Land grant programs are currently extended to COM-FSM through a memorandum of understanding with COM.

The COM-FSM programs are named the Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) programs under the Department of Instructional Affairs headed by the Director of CRE.

Programs under 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. The CES programs are based at the state campuses. All state CES facilities and personnel are locally administered by a state campus coordinator.
- Agriculture Experiment Station (AES) – conducts research or verifies experiments that bear directly upon the agricultural and food industries of FSM. AES researchers are located in Pohnpei, Kosrae, Chuuk, and Yap.
- Resident Instruction (RI) – provides support to academic programs with natural resources, agriculture and food science focus. RI supports the college's associate degree programs in general agriculture and marine science. The RI program is administered by the Vice President for Instructional Affairs office with financial support provided by COM-Land Grant.

Program development and management as well as fiscal administration are the responsibility of the VPIA office in collaboration with the comptroller and the COM-Land Grant Program administration.