

Visiting Geographical Scientist Program Expands Support to Minority-Serving Institutions

The Visiting Geographical Scientist Program (VGSP), sponsored by Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU) and the AAG, has announced the addition of supplemental support for applications involving Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges, Hispanic-Serving Institutions and other Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs).

The VGSP sponsors visits by prominent geographers to colleges and universities across the country. Its purpose is to stimulate interest in geography, especially

in small departments that do not have the resources to host well-known speakers. Participating institutions select and make arrangements with the visiting geographer. The program requires that one scientist visit two or more institutions over a one-to-three day period. The VGSP covers travel costs and provides a small honorarium to the speaker.

Expanded support for VGSP is made possible by funding from the National Science Foundation as an aspect of the AAG's ALIGNED Project (Addressing

Locally-tailored Information Infrastructure & Geoscience Needs for Enhancing Diversity).

Minority-serving institutions are not required to have active Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU) chapters.

Information on applying is available on the AAG's website at www.aag.org/Education/aag/edu_visitingscientist.cfm.

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