Impact Writing Workshops

We are all responsible for reporting the impact of our research and extension activities. This dynamic and engaging workshop will help you hone your ability to tell your story so that the work you do and its impact reaches a broad audience. By the end of the workshop, you will have a greater appreciation for the critical role impact statements play in the success of agricultural research and Extension and gain knowledge, skills, and experience needed to write high-quality impact statements. These educational opportunities will be presented by Sarah Lupis, the Assistant Director for the Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station directors and the Program Director for the Impact Writing Initiative of the Multistate Research Fund.

Tuesday, November 7, 2017—11:30-1:30pm
Ag. Admin. 250A, Columbus and Research Services 209, Wooster (video linked)
This session is now open to all faculty and post-doctoral researchers, however this session will be geared specifically to new faculty members. Lunch will be provided for those who register before Wednesday, November 1st. Please register to attend here.

Wednesday, November 8, 2017—10:00 - 12:30pm
Longaberger Alumni House – Mount Leadership Room
This session is geared toward all faculty, post-docs, and graduate students. Attendance is limited to 50. Please register to attend here.

NSF Fall 2017 Virtual Grants Conference Registration
Experience the Fall 2017 NSF Grants Conference virtually. The semi-annual NSF Grants Conferences are essential learning opportunities for new faculty, researchers and administrators who want to gain key insights into a wide range of current issues at NSF. NSF program officers representing each NSF directorate will be on hand to provide up-to-date information about specific funding opportunities and to answer attendee questions. The event will be held November 13-14, 2017.

Protecting Institutional Data Course Now Available in BuckeyeLearn
To help you understand your responsibilities when handling institutional data, we encourage you to complete the Protecting Institutional Data course. This training is recommended for all university employees and it is required annually for anyone with access to restricted data.

Biologists, Rejoice!
NSF drops preproposals, deadlines for biologists seeking funding. Read More

Use EngageOSU to Find University Collaborators
EngageOSU is an online portal into the research portfolio of Ohio State University. It enables users to search the entire scope of OSU research expertise in all fields from all Ohio State campuses. A variety of search functionalities are available (i.e., Boolean, fuzzy, proximity). The results list provides a list of faculty with their associated research productivity – number of collaborators, articles, books, grants, etc. Clicking on the faculty name in the return list provides a visual representation of their collaborators and the OSU program with which they are associated. Clicking on the blue person icon provides a word cloud and the details on research productivity as well as contact information.

Contact us for proposal development services or with any comments or questions. To submit news items or request certain topic areas, email FAES Grant Support at gdsu@osu.edu.
Upcoming Events

**Introduction to Grant Writing**
Tuesday, November 7th, 1:00 – 3:00pm
Research Commons, 18th Avenue Library (3rd Floor)
Head to the Research Commons for this interactive workshop on grant writing. Some of the similarities and differences between the funding processes for federal/state agencies and private foundations will be addressed. Topics include best practices for seeking funding, including the SPIN Funding Opportunities system and other funding resources, and examples of writing that is both persuasive and clear.

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**Industry Engagement 101: Collaborating with Commercial Enterprises**
Thursday, November 9, 3:00 – 4:30pm
Research Commons, 18th Avenue Library (3rd Floor)
This workshop, led by staff from the Industry Liaison Office, addresses the challenge of bridging the industry-university divide by providing researchers with a fundamental understanding of the value of industry engagement and the engagement continuum, tools for rapidly vetting and solidifying industrial opportunities, and knowledge of the support resources at OSU that are key to helping secure and nurture industrial relationships.

**Introduction to the New PI Portal**
Wooster: Tuesday, November 14, 10:00 – 11:00am; FABE 200
Columbus: Thursday, November 16, 10-11am; Agricultural Administration 250A
Guest presenter Angie LeMaster will provide an overview of the new, redesigned PI Portal, demonstrate its enhanced features and address questions related to its use. This session is intended for faculty as well as department and college staff who use the PI Portal to access project financial information. Please register to attend [here](#).

See a full listing of upcoming events on [our webpage](#).

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**SPIN Funding Opportunities Database**
The Office of Research provides access to SPIN (a funding opportunities database) which includes more than 40,000 opportunities from over 10,000 sponsors. All Ohio State faculty, staff, and students may create a SPIN account. With SPIN, you can:

- Create and save customized searches that generate daily email funding alerts
- Organize and share funding announcements with colleagues
- Access an extensive Keyword list, allowing for greater flexibility in your searches

Located all types of funding information, e.g., travel grants, fellowships, and other sponsored programs. If you have any questions, visit [http://go.osu.edu/funding](http://go.osu.edu/funding) for step-by-step instructions.

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**Top Scientists Revamp Standards To Foster Integrity In Research**
It's been 25 years since the National Academy of Sciences set its standards for appropriate scientific conduct, and the world of science has changed dramatically in that time. So now the academies of science, engineering and medicine have updated their standards. The report, published April 11, 2017 *Fostering Integrity in Research*, shines a spotlight on how the research enterprise as a whole creates incentives that can be detrimental to good research. The report can be downloaded for free.
Funding Opportunities

USDA
Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program
NIFA’s Community Food Program intends to solicit applications and fund two types of grants. The types are entitled (1) Community Food Projects (CFP) and (2) Planning Projects (PP). Eligible applicants include public food program service providers, tribal organizations, and private nonprofit entities, including gleaners. The following requirements must be met:
1. Have experience in the area of community food work, job training and business development activities for food-related activities in low-income communities, or efforts to reduce food insecurity in the community;
2. Demonstrate competency to implement a project, provide fiscal accountability, collect data, and prepare reports and other necessary documentation;
3. Demonstrate a willingness to share information with researchers, evaluators, practitioners, and other interested parties, including a plan for dissemination of results;
4. Collaborate with one or more local partner organizations to achieve at least one hunger-free community’s goal.
Deadline: December 4, 2017

Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI)
The purpose of the SCRI program is to address the critical needs of the specialty crop industry by awarding grants to support research and extension that address key challenges of national, regional, and multi-state importance in sustaining all components of food and agriculture, including conventional and organic food production systems.
Deadline—Request for pre-applications, December 8, 2017

Internal Funding
Battelle Engineering, Technology and Human Affairs (BETHA)
Ohio State full-time assistant, associate and full professors are invited to submit proposals for the 2018 BETHA Endowment awards. The annual competition, funded by Battelle Memorial Institute, awards three to six projects (from $10,000 to $60,000) that examine the impact of science and technology on individuals and society. Emphasis is placed on educational/public service programs and collaborative projects.
Deadline: November 21, 2017

Foods for Health Discovery Theme Seed Grant
The FFH Seed Grant Competition is a university-wide initiative with a primary goal of advancing the use of metabolomics-based technology in food and nutrition research for the improvement of health. Successful proposals will focus on food and nutritional metabolomics, are innovative, collaborative, create value, result in presentations at professional meetings and peer-reviewed publications, and catalyze the submission of competitive extramural grants.
Deadline: January 8, 2018

Linkage and Leverage Grants (InFACT)
The Initiative for Food and AgriCultural Transformation Linkage and Leverage Grants program seeks to Link (forge interdisciplinary connections among OSU faculty, staff, students and external partners) and Leverage (bring new talents, expertise, and resources to our initiatives as a result of our collaborative work) to address compelling food security challenges by building on our strengths in climate, environment, technology and agroecosystems; local to global engagements; new food economies; and campus food cultures and education.
There are two more grant cycles with the following deadlines: January 31, 2018; April 30, 2018

Foundation
Organic Farming Research Foundation (OFRF)
OFRF is pleased to release our Request for Proposals (RFP) for 2018 research grants. Applicants residing in Canada, Mexico, and the United States are eligible to apply. In particular, OFRF encourages farmers, ranchers, graduate students, early career researchers, veterans, and Extension personnel to consider applying for funding. OFRF will notify applicants about funding decisions in spring 2018.
Deadline: December 15, 2017

Faculty for the Future
The Schlumberger Foundation awards fellowships to women from developing and emerging economies to pursue PHD or Post-doctorate studies in science technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines at leading universities worldwide. Grants are based on actual costs for eligible expenses up to a maximum of $50,000. Contact Jason Phillips.814@osu.edu with OSU Foundation Relations for application information.
The North Central Regional Center for Rural Development (NCRCRD)
NCRCRD at Michigan State University announces a competition for seed grants aimed at enhancing the ability of Land Grant institutions to positively influence the quality of life in rural areas of the twelve-state North Central region of the United States. Priority areas for the Center’s work include:

- Building a 21st century
- Sustainable communities
- Leadership development and civic engagement
- Community health and wellness

More complete descriptions of these themes are available on the Center’s web site.

**Deadline: January 18, 2018**

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30 reasons your grant proposal may not have been funded

Why was my outstanding grant application so intensely disliked by the reviewer panel? Although this is certainly a reasonable question for any failed applicant to ask, at least initially, in the vast majority (but unfortunately, not 100%) of cases, the answer is usually not too difficult to surmise.

Read more: [http://www.grantcentral.com/30reasons-your-grant-proposal-may-not-have-been-funded/](http://www.grantcentral.com/30reasons-your-grant-proposal-may-not-have-been-funded/)

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**Recent Awards**

**Federal, State and Local Funding**

Leah McHale, HCS; $130,000: Breeding and development of a breadth of soybean CVs, Ohio Soybean Council

Kelly Tilmon, Andy Michel, Entomology; $60,000: Research and management of soybean insects, Ohio Soybean Council

Ani Katchova, AEDE; $60,000: Review of the ERS Farm Income and Wealth Forecast Program, USDA Economic Research Service

Sanja Ilic, EHE; Melanie Ivey, Plant Path; $150,051: Food safety education and outreach programming for plain growers, National Institute of Food & Agriculture

Diane Shoemaker, Amanda Douridas, OSUE Ag. & Natural Resources; $444,580: Growing profit and risk management potential for Ohio and New York crop and livestock farms by expanding access to farm business analysis and benchmarking programs and resources, National Institute of Food & Agriculture

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GDSU proposal development services help faculty find and secure funding for their research. The staff offers guidance to researchers in planning and conceptualizing externally funded research projects, finding funding opportunities, and submitting well-crafted and competitive applications. The GDSU has been successful in obtaining more than $87 million in new extramural funding since its inception in 2010.

The GDSU is a free service provided to all CFAES faculty. We are available to assist you with proposal development and submission and/or answer grant related questions. We have offices on both the Wooster and Columbus campuses. For more information, see our webpage: [https://grants.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/](https://grants.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/)