NIFA Listening Sessions on Priorities in Research, Education, and Extension

USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) announces its stakeholder listening initiative “NIFA Listens: Investing in Science to Transform Lives.” This listening opportunity informs the research, extension and education priorities of NIFA, which has the mission of investing in and advancing agricultural research, education and extension to solve societal challenges. These investments in transformative science directly support the long-term prosperity and global pre-eminence of U.S. agriculture. This listening opportunity allows stakeholders to provide feedback on the following questions: “What is your top priority in food and agricultural research, extension or education that NIFA should address?” and “What are the most promising science opportunities for advancement of food and agricultural sciences?” The information obtained through this iterative analysis and synthesis will help to ensure the strategic positioning and relevancy of NIFA’s investments in advancing agricultural research, education and extension.

New PI Portal to launch October 2

On Monday, October 2, 2017, the Office of Research will launch a redesigned PI Portal. Improvements to the PI Portal are based on feedback from portal users across the university. The new PI Portal features a robust search engine and a responsive and intuitive design, making it easier to view project-related financial information.

OSU Animal Per Diem Rates Change

The FY 2018 per diem rates are available here. The rates also include a change in the weaning charge for mice, previously based on tech time. ULAR is now moving to a standard fee per weaned cage, as is the practice with our peer institutions. This fee only applies to cages ULAR staff have to wean, not to cages weaned by research staff. If you have questions about the new rates, please contact Dr. Bergdall at bergdall.1@osu.edu or 614-292-1561.

Apply for a CFAES Faculty Development Grant

CFAES offers grants to aid faculty with international travel, conference support and fees associated with being an invited lecturer. These grants are available to full-time tenure-track faculty, research scientists and non-tenured research faculty with OARDC appointments. Faculty without OARDC appointments, visiting faculty on sabbatical, visiting faculty on one-year appointments, post-doctoral research associates, graduate students and undergraduate students are not eligible for these awards. For more information, go to the website.

Intellectual Property policy out for university feedback

Do you create works of authorship, discoveries, inventions, patents and tangible property that can serve the public through open academic exchange and commercial development? If so, please consider providing your feedback on the Intellectual Property policy (currently patents and copyrights), a university policy currently being revised. Click on the *Policies Under Review* tab on the University Policy website to review the proposed revisions. Please provide any feedback by Wednesday (10/18) to policies@osu.edu. Your feedback will be considered as the policy is finalized.

CFAES Research Onboarding packet now available

The GDSU has been working to compile information for new CFAES researchers, to make their transition to Ohio State easier. Containing a variety of information, from OSU policies and compliance to assistance finding funding, you can read it here.

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 the new PI Portal
Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 1:00—2:00pm—Columbus—Room 117 of the Research Administration Building (Register)
Thursday, October 26, 2017, 1:00—2:00pm—Columbus—460B Prior Hall (Computer Lab) (Register)
Office of Research staff 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.

Creating Data Management Plans with the DMPTool
Thursday, October 5th, 2:00—3:00pm
Research Commons, 18th Avenue Library (3rd Floor)
Many funding agencies now require the submission of a data management plan along with a researcher’s grant proposal. Participants will discuss the information that researchers should be including in their data management plans and will learn strategies for creating data management plans with the online DMPTool.

Research Expo
Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 12:00—2:00pm
Research Commons, 18th Avenue Library (3rd Floor)
More than 50 exhibitors - research support services, centers/institutes, community partners and vendors - will be on hand to help you navigate your way through Ohio State’s research enterprise.

Promotion and Tenure Workshop
Wednesday October 18, 2017 at 1:50pm
Skou 232 (Wooster)
Dr. Terry Niblack will hold two identical workshops to provide an overview of the promotion and tenure process. All eligible faculty and anyone involved in the Promotion & Tenure process are invited to attend one of the workshops. Please RSVP to Villers.11@osu.edu if you plan on attending.

IRB and International Research
Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 2:00—3:00pm
Research Commons, 18th Avenue Library (3rd floor)
The Office of Responsible Research Practices is offering a workshop on conducting human subjects research at international locations. The session will debunk common myths about international research, explain how to create and submit Buck-IRB proposals, and provide tips about the informed consent process, including scenarios when a waiver of consent documentation may be appropriate. While the session will be tailored to social and behavioral sciences researchers, anyone preparing IRB submissions is welcome.
Carmen Connect Link: Carmenconnect.osu.edu/irbinternational-17

Budget Basics
Wednesday, October 18, 9:00-10:00am—Columbus—Agricultural Administration 250A
Thursday, October 19, 2:00-3:00pm—Wooster—Fisher Auditorium 121
This workshop will provide an overview of the expenses most commonly requested in grant applications. We will also discuss critical issues associated with developing budgets, including direct costs, allowable costs, and budget justifications. Register here.

ePA-005
Tuesday, October 24, 10:00-11:00am—Columbus—Agricultural Administration 250A
Thursday, October 26, 10:00-11:00am—Wooster—Fisher Conference Room
Learn how to properly complete an ePA-005 form, a required form for anybody seeking external funding. This workshop will provide an overview and tips on completing the form. Register here.

See a full listing of upcoming events on our webpage.

Ohio State’s Sports and Society Initiative wants to hear from researchers
The Sports and Society Initiative (SSI) at Ohio State is committed to the development of a better understanding of the role of amateur and professional sports in the economy and society at large. Its goal is to promote high-quality research related to issues of societal concern in sports at all levels. We are seeking to identify current and published research that relates to the intersection of sports and society, to develop a database and promote researchers in this area. Please contact Nicole Kraft at kraft.42@osu.edu if you have published or are actively engaged in research in this area.
Recent Awards

Federal, State and Local Funding

Elena Irwin, Yongyang Cai, Ian Sheldon, AEDE; Ramesh Bakshi, Jeffrey Bielicki, COE; Doug Jackson-Smith, Robyn Wilson, SENR; Jay Martin, FABE; Alan Randall, OAA, AEDE; $2,431,141: INFEWS/TL: Impacts of deglobalization on the sustainability of regional food, energy, water systems, National Science Foundation

Peter Ling, FABE; $19,966: 3D print reduce, reuse, renew growth substrate for sustainable food production in space, National Space Grant Foundation

Brian Roe, AEDE; $80,000: Literature review of food loss for produce: Farm to retail delivery, USDA-ARS

Lester Blair, OSUE; $95,200: Ohio 4-H shooting sports instructor training workshops, OH Department of Natural Resources

Reed Johnson, Entomology; $103,474: Effects of insecticide-fungicide-adjuvant combinations commonly applied to almonds during bloom on honey bee development and survival, Almond Board of California

Funding Opportunities

USDA

Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowship (NNF) Grants Program
This grant program supports: (1) training students for master's and doctoral degrees in food, agricultural and natural resource sciences; and (2) Special International Study or Thesis/Dissertation Research Travel Allowances (IRTA) for eligible USDA NNF beneficiaries. Awards are specifically intended to support traineeship programs that engage outstanding students to pursue and complete their degrees in USDA mission areas.
Deadline: October 31, 2017

Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program (MSP)
The purpose of this competitive undergraduate scholarship grant program is to increase the multicultural diversity of the food and agricultural scientific and professional workforce, and advance the educational achievement of all Americans by providing competitive grants to colleges and universities.
Deadline: October 31, 2017

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

SARE

The North Central Region SARE (NCR-SARE) Research and Education Grant Program is a competitive grant program for researchers and educators involved in projects that explore and promote environmentally sound, profitable, and socially responsible food and/or fiber systems. See some of the open grant programs below:
Research and Education Program, Deadline: October 19, 2017
Partnership Program, Deadline: October 26, 2017
Youth Educator Program, Deadline: November 2, 2017
Farmer Rancher Program, Deadline: December 7, 2017
Funding Opportunities

Internal Funding

**SEEDS: The OARDC Research Enhancement Competitive Grants Program**
CFAES researchers are invited to participate in the SEEDS program, an internal competition for funding. Since the program was established in 1996, SEEDS has been addressing the challenges and opportunities of Ohio's agbioscience industry. By fostering high-quality research among scientists, SEEDS enables scientists to collect the preliminary data needed to give them a competitive edge in national programs and provides them with leverage to attract industry support.

**Deadline: October 11, 2017**

**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**

**Linkage and Leverage Grants (InFACT)**
The Initiative for Food and AgriCultural Transformation Linkage and Leverage Grants program seeks to Link (forge transdisciplinary 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 three grant cycles with the following deadlines: October 31, 2017; January 31, 2018; April 30, 2018**

**Foundation**

**Water Research Foundation**
The objective of this project is to evaluate existing chemical and biological methods for the analysis of cyanotoxins at low part-per-trillion (ppt) detection levels in raw and finished drinking water and provide unified methods and practical analytical guidelines for utilities to improve the quality of monitoring efforts. Proposals may request WRF funds in the range of $375,000 - $416,000. WRF funds requested and total project value will be a criteria considered in the proposal selection process.

**Deadline: November 1, 2017**

**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**

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