National Research Administrator Day

National Research Administrator Day is observed annually on September 25. This is a day to recognize the contributions made by administrators every day. Research Administrators and Managers serve an important role in supporting research. They assist the faculty and researchers, protect the institution or organization and assure sound stewardship of sponsored research dollars. Research Administration is found in many types of organizations around the world. It’s in higher education from liberal arts colleges to research universities, health and medical institutions, research institutions, federal and both for-profit and non-profit organizations. National Research Administrator Day was submitted by National Council of University Research Administrators in August of 2015. The Registrar at National Day Calendar proclaimed National Research Administrator Day to be observed annually on September 25.

The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) announces the appointment of John Foltz as chair of the Department of Animal Sciences. He will join CFAES for a four-year appointment on Oct. 9, 2017.

Registration is now available for the Great Lakes Regional Meeting of the National Organization of Research Development Professionals (NORDP) hosted by The Ohio State University on Monday, October 23, 2017. The registration fee, which includes lunch, is $45 for NORDP members and $50 for non-members. The registration deadline is Friday, September 1, 2017.

Check out The Council for Agricultural Science and Technology weekly summary of news and information. Friday Notes is designed to enhance communication among various agricultural sectors, educators, students, and the public who are interested in a variety of plant, animal, food, and environmental issues. Friday Notes advocates the pursuit of credible, unbiased, science-based information.

Upcoming NSF Grants Conference

The next NSF Grants Conference will be held November 13-14 in Phoenix, Arizona. Further information is available on the NSF Grants Conference website. Registration for this conference will open the week of September 4th. In addition, NSF plans to provide a live webcast of the plenary sessions.

Topics will include an introduction to NSF, NSF’s proposal preparation and merit review process, award management, conflict of interest policies, new programs and initiatives, cross-disciplinary and special interest programs, and breakout sessions by discipline.

Visit the NSF Grants Conference website for additional details.
Upcoming Events

Initial Submissions and Buck-IRB Workshop
Wednesday, September 6, 10:00AM – 11:30AM
Location: TBA
The Office of Responsible Research Practices is offering a workshop on the Buck-IRB initial submission application. The workshop will provide an overview of the Buck-IRB system and how to navigate through the Ohio State IRB initial application, identify documents that typically accompany a complete application, discuss common pitfalls and tips for successful submission. This workshop will focus on application sections specific to behavioral research. Please register through the Research Commons.

Broader Impacts Workshop
Friday, September 8, 10:00AM – 11:30AM
Location: Agricultural Administration Building Auditorium
The Department of Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership (ACEL) will be hosting Dr. Anna Ball on Friday, September 8, 2017. Dr. Ball will be doing several workshops about broader impacts in grant work. All CFAES faculty, postdocs and graduate students are invited to the seminar. Dr. Ball will talk about ways faculty can build stronger broader impact (sometimes called outreach or evaluation) components of their grants. For those unable to attend in person, you may connect via Zoom at the following web address: go.osu.edu/CFAES_CI

SEEDS Presentations
Wooster: Thursday, September 14 at 10:00am and 12:30pm in Fisher Conference Room
Columbus: Monday, September 18 at 10:00am in Ag. Admin. 205 and 1:00pm in Ag. Admin. 100
The new FY 18 Request for Proposals for SEEDS: The OARDC Research Enhancement Competitive Grants Program is now available online. Informational sessions will be held in Wooster and Columbus. Everyone is invited to attend. Faculty proposals will be due Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Funding Opportunities
The Organic Farming Research Foundation (OFRF) is excited to release the priority areas for their next grant cycle. All farmers and ranchers, graduate students, early career researchers, veterans, and Extension personnel are encouraged to apply for funding. The request for proposals and application instructions will be available on OFRF’s website at ofrf.org on September 12, 2017.

Priority areas for the upcoming request for proposals were selected based on direct feedback from farmers and ranchers across the U.S. These priorities reflect the top areas where investment in research will make a real difference in helping organic farmers and ranchers be successful.

Research priorities include:
1. Soil health. Topics of particular interest include nutrient balancing, crop rotations, and fertility management focused on reducing environmental impacts.
2. Innovative weed control. Topics of particular interest include weed control related to climate change and changing weather patterns.
4. Livestock health. Topics of particular interest include livestock and crop integration and best practices for grass based livestock production.

Please refer to the 2016 National Organic Research Agenda for more information on these topics.

FFAR
Pilot Program: Tipping Points RFA
This Request for Applications (RFA) encourages applications for developing and testing existing approaches in conjunction with computational and mathematical approaches to deepen our understanding of the complex relationship between the food system, health, and the environment. Projects funded in response to this RFA will examine multiple food-system interventions and environmental factors to address how components of a system function within the context of their environment and the collective behaviors that arise from individual elements or parts of the food system working together to alleviate food insecurity and increase health outcomes. Applications should demonstrate bridge-building between organizations working within the local food system and across scientific disciplines.
Deadline—Letter of Intent: September 13, 2017
Internal Funding
SEEDS: The OARDC Research Enhancement Competitive Grants Program
The new FY 18 Request for Proposals for the SEEDS Program is available online. The goal of SEEDS is to foster research excellence among OARDC-supported scientists and faculty in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. Each year, 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 these 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

NSF
Dear Colleague Letter: NSF/NSFC Joint Research on Environmental Sustainability Challenges
The NSF Engineering and Geosciences Directorates (ENG and GEO) and the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) Department of Engineering and Material Sciences (DEMS) and Department of Geosciences are partnering to encourage joint research by U.S.-China teams collaborating on fundamental research that addresses critical environmental sustainability challenges.
Deadline: October 1, 2017

Innovations in Graduate Education (IGE) Program
This program is designed to encourage the development and implementation of bold, new, and potentially transformative approaches to STEM graduate education training. IGE focuses on projects aimed at piloting, testing, and validating innovative and potentially transformative approaches to graduate education. The program addresses both workforce development, emphasizing broad participation, and institutional capacity building needs in graduate education. Strategic collaborations with the private sector, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), government agencies, national laboratories, field stations, teaching and learning centers, informal science centers, and academic partners are encouraged.
Deadline: October 25, 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

Foundation Funding
Pathways Out of Poverty
The Herb Block Foundation seeks proposals that focus on improving student achievement and healthy development. For organizations serving youth, the foundation supports programs including in-school and community-based education, after school activities, and mentoring through its Pathways Out of Poverty grants.

Faculty Salary Policy – The Two Month Rule
One of the most discussed topics at NSF outreach events is NSF’s policy on faculty salary compensation. NSF’s longstanding faculty salary compensation policy states that compensation for senior project personnel is generally limited to “no more than two months of their regular salary in any one year. This limit includes salary compensation received from all NSF-funded grants... If anticipated, any compensation for such personnel in excess of two months must be disclosed in the proposal budget, justified in the budget justification, and must be specifically approved by NSF in the award notice budget.”

This policy takes into consideration that faculty at Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) are already being paid to conduct research as one of the normal functions of their appointment. In addition to the compensation they are receiving for time spent on research within their regular organizational salary, NSF will reimburse senior personnel for up to two months of their salary in any one year. Still have questions on faculty salary compensation? Send an e-mail to policies@nsf.gov. Read more
Recent Awards

Federal, State and Local Funding

Robert Agunga, ACEL; $132,995, Improving agricultural extension in Pakistan through communication for development, U.S. Agency for International Development

Shauna Brummet, BioHi Research Park; Elizabeth Long, Entomology; Sally Miller, Plant Path; $126,300, iCAST technology experiment testing Chemigation delivery of pesticides to squash and pepper, Mitsui Toatsu Chemicals

Margaret Kalcic, Larry Brown, Jay Martin, Andrew Ward, FABE; Jonathan Witter, ATI; $199,964, Demonstration, evaluation, outreach education & technology transfer of innovative channel and drainage water management practices for poorly drained soils in the Maumee River Basin: Phase 2, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Anne Dorrance, Plant Path; $100,000, Disease management equals higher yields, Ohio Soybean Council

Feng Qu, Plant Path; $50,000, VIGS interrogation of soybean resistance genes, Ohio Soybean Council

This spring, NSF began piloting use of a spreadsheet template for submission of Collaborators and Other Affiliations (COA) information. While the draft PAPPG does implement this pilot activity, and the change will go into effect for proposals submitted or due beginning next year, NSF has been fielding a number of questions from the community. Additional information about the pilot program is available on the NSF website.

Q: I understand that co-editors should be named; however, I have a faculty member who is a Chief Editor for a journal. Would all Associate/Assistant Editors of the journal be considered his or her co-editors?

A: Yes, Chief Editors should list all of the Associate/Assistant Editors. The Associate/Assistant Editors, in turn, would always list their Chief Editor.

Q: In previous versions of the COA, instructions required that each PI, co-PI and other senior project personnel provide a list of their postdoctoral scholar sponsor(s) (from the past 5 years). Does this information need to be included in the current COA?

A: Submission of information on postdoctoral scholar sponsors is no longer required.

Q: Must the information requested for each section be in alphabetical order?

A: No, you do not need to list the information alphabetically.

Taken from the NSF newsletter. Read more on their website.

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/

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