



The CFAES Office for Research and Graduate Education and the Grant Development Support Unit (GDSU) are pleased to announce D.C. Days 2024.

This program is an opportunity for faculty researchers from the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) to become more competitive by visiting federal program officers and federal funding agencies in Washington D.C. This allows the researcher to determine if their basic research concept is a good match to the sponsor's mission, seek advice concerning project design and appropriate funding tracks, and better understand the peer review process.

Participants will be chosen through a competitive application process to attend the 3-day trip. Please review the tentative schedule to the right for additional details.

We encourage you to schedule individual appointments with specific program officers of your choosing on Day 3 (May 9). We can assist you with this process, if needed.

Potential sponsors to visit are listed to the right. Final destinations will be determined based upon applicant interest and availability of program officers from the funding agencies. Please feel free to share additional agencies you are interested in.

D.C. DAYS 2024

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Potential Sponsors:

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA)

United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR)

OSU Government Affairs Office

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

United States Department of Energy (DOE)

Tentative Schedule:

Monday, May 6:

Arrive in D.C.

Tuesday, May 7 - Wednesday, May 8:

GDSU organized agency visits.

Thursday, May 9:

Additional visits to sponsors on your own (optional) and return home.



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A. Eligibility:

- Any faculty member with an appointment in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences may apply.
- Applications will be accepted from any interested faculty member; however *priority will be given to those with the rank of Assistant Professor (pre-tenure)*.

B. How to Apply:

Interested individuals should e-mail a **single PDF document** to burant.2@osu.edu with the following:

1. **Cover Page:** Include Name, Faculty Rank, Department, and up to three Federal sponsors and/or specific program officers within their programs you would like to meet with.
2. **Abstract:** Applicants must provide a comprehensive abstract (**1,000 words or less**) detailing research activities and future research goals, a synopsis of an anticipated proposal submission(s), and a brief statement of how the applicant's participation will help make them more competitive for funding.
3. **Curriculum Vita (3-page limit including publications):** Vita should include a complete list of publications, contributed and invited talks, and funding history - including submitted, funded and non-funded proposals.

C. Deadline:

Application deadline is **January 4, 2024**.

D. Review Process:

Applications will be reviewed by the Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education and the GDSU. Selected applicants will be notified late January 2024.

E. Funding:

The GDSU will share in the cost of attending this special event. Departments will pay for the cost of the workshop up front, and CFAES will transfer a sum of \$500 to the department to assist with travel costs **after** the event is finished.

GDSU will provide hotel information and travel dates. Selected attendees will be responsible for making their own travel arrangements in accordance with university policy (flight, hotel, etc.). Departments will be responsible for maintaining all travel documentation.

Please direct questions to Melissa Burant, burant.2@osu.edu.