

Research News

February 2022

Funding Opportunities

As funding opportunities are announced we will compile a full list on our website. The web page will be updated periodically as new opportunities are discovered.

2022 FFAR Seeding Solutions Program

Seeding Solutions supports research to solve urgent issues in any of FFAR's Challenge Areas. This year, in addition to the Challenge Areas, the Foundation is also seeking applications for AgMission, an initiative mobilizing farmers, ranchers, scientists, data providers, stakeholders and funders to develop and implement scalable climate-smart solutions.

Deadline: March 9, 2022

Paul C. & Edna H. Warner Endowment Fund for Sustainable Ag Interdisciplinary Grant Program for On-Farm Research

The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences Sustainable Agriculture Team and Agroecosystems Management Program (AMP) are offering interdisciplinary grants to promote on-farm research in sustainable agriculture.

Deadline: March 1, 2022

[View All Funding Opportunities](#)



Dr. Mary Gardiner | ENT

Inside the Issue

— Have we entered the endemic phase yet? A message from Associate Dean Pierzynski

— Check out our Workday Grant Management steps for insight into managing your award portfolio

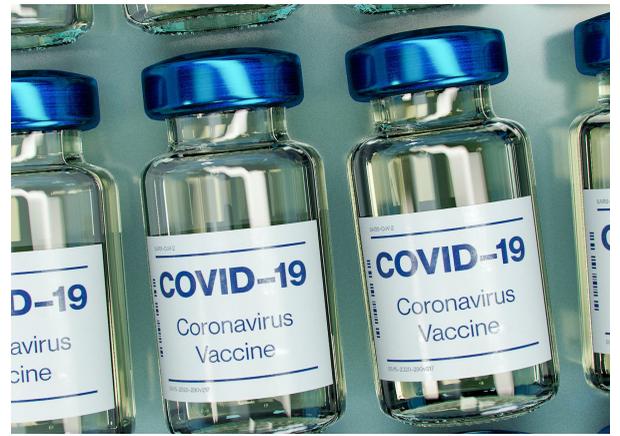
— Call for Research Conference Poster Competition faculty and graduate student judges

— The White House released new guidance on information scientists must report

— Apply Now for the OSU Research Internship Program (ORIP) on the Wooster Campus

Have we entered the endemic phase yet?

Gary Pierzynski, Associate Dean for Research & Graduate Education



As the latest COVID surge begins to abate, we can again look cautiously to the future as to what might be next with the pandemic. Clearly, another surge of a new variant might be part of our future, but the term endemic is being used more frequently. Endemic implies consistent but lower levels of infection in the general population without the excessive strain on our health care system. It does not mean that all precautions used to minimize the risk of COVID transmission are dropped, or that quarantine won't be needed for those who test positive for COVID. For our research and graduate programs, planning future activities should include provisions for an endemic COVID phase, and the possibility of additional surges that may curtail normal activities. Our seasonal research projects often involve people working or riding in close proximity, and can be very time sensitive, so advance planning will reduce the chances of significant and stressful disruptions. As always, prevention is the best strategy so maintaining practices that minimize the risk of COVID transmission will continue to be important. Additional consideration should be given to how the work would proceed if you or another key individual were absent, or even if a significant proportion of the group that normally work on a project were absent. Can you delay? If not, how can the work be completed with fewer people? Measures to reduce the risk of COVID transmission, and advance planning for relevant scenarios should COVID infection be a factor, will help avoid a crisis in your research program. Further, the uncertainties weigh heavily on faculty, staff, and students and we need to be sensitive to the possibility of mental health issues.

Next month will mark two years since the pandemic began. We have been able to maintain research and graduate education productivity despite the challenges, thanks to your efforts. The research questions that existed pre-pandemic are still relevant, and we have added many more because of the pandemic, so the importance of serving our research mission has actually increased.



Workday Grant Management

Tackling a new system can be a challenge. Luckily, we have experts in the GDSU that are here to help provide clarity. Follow the steps below, in order, to gain some useful insight into managing your award portfolio. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions along the way.

1. How do I identify all of my grants expiring in the next 60 days? - [View](#)
2. How do I find a summary of the budget, expenses, encumbrances, and balance of a grant? - [View](#)
3. How do I see the expenditure transactions for each budget line item? - [View](#)
4. How do I find current payroll information on my grants? - [View](#)
5. How do I review personnel costing allocations to verify they are current and complete? - [View](#)
6. How do I reconcile payroll expenditures on my grants? - [View](#)
7. How do I find the current status of a requisition? - [View](#)
8. How do I find Miscellaneous Payment Requests? - [View](#)
9. How do I view invoices to the sponsor for my awards? - [View](#)
10. How do I find the status of invoices on my grants? - [View](#)
11. How do I find a summary and the status of all of my proposals? - [View](#)



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New & Newsworthy



RFA Application Deadline Changes

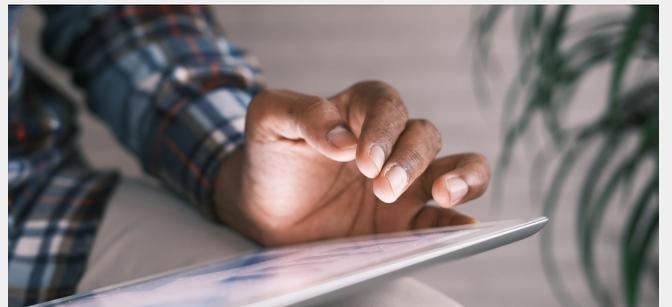
Some NIFA Requests for Applications (RFA) releases are delayed. Please follow the NIFA RFA Calendar for the most current targeted posting dates and updated deadlines. Please sign up to be notified of application package posting on Grants.gov or you can sign up for all of the [NIFA Funding Announcements](#) on their website. Once they are posted, you can find the RFA link and the deadline.

[View Calendar](#)

USDA Sexual Harassment Notification Process

USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) is committed to ensuring equal opportunity in all its programs and activities. NIFA prohibits harassment of any kind, including sexual harassment at institutions who are recipients of federal funding and in any federally assisted program or activity.

[Learn More](#)



New Guidance on Information Scientists Must Report

The White House released new guidance on information scientists must report. This long-anticipated guidance document released on January 4th aims to standardize implementation of research security policies across federal science agencies, including what categories of information scientists will be required to report when applying for grants.

[Read More](#)

GRO Academy accepting self-nominations through March 21

Faculty are invited to self-nominate for the Growing Research Opportunities (GRO) Academy, administered by the Office of Knowledge Enterprise, until March 21. This research leadership development program helps equip faculty with the skills needed to lead large, complex or strategically significant, interdisciplinary collaborations in pursuit of external funding. Focused on mid-career faculty, GRO Academy consists of about 30 hours of combined interactive workshops and between session meet ups with a kick-off reception in April and sessions taking place May - July. Those completing the program will be designated as a GRO Leadership Fellow.

[Learn More](#)

Cost Sharing Basics

Cost Share occurs when a quantified portion of the costs of an award are not paid by the sponsor, but paid instead using resources within a department, school/college, or other party outside of the OSU.

[Learn More](#)

Register Now for Upcoming R&GE Seminar Series Sessions

The R&GE Seminar Series provides educational opportunities every month during the academic year. The 2022 schedule of events is now available.

Upcoming Sessions:

[SPIN Funding Opportunities Database - 2/8/22 | 12-1](#)

[TCO Is Here for You - Maximizing the Impact of Your Research - 2/22/22 | 12-1](#)

If you have questions, comments, or ideas for a new session, please contact [Alexis Didinger](#).



Sponsored Programs Fringe Rate Update

Fringe rates for use with the Office of Sponsored Programs have been updated for FY 23. These should be incorporated into new proposals with a start date of July 1, 2022 or after. The current agreement can be found on the OSU Office of Research website.

Fiscal Year 2023 - Effective July 1, 2022	Rate
Faculty (Regular)	26.40%
Faculty (Off-Duty Pay Requests)	15.90%
Students (Graduate & Undergraduate)	10.80%
Staff	33.80%

[View Agreement](#)

Access the current issue of Research Development and Grant Writing News

Topics this month include:

- Time to Start Working on Your NSF Early CAREER: A Timeline – This is a very busy time for faculty, but there are many things PIs can do to make progress on their CAREER proposals starting now while keeping up with their other responsibilities.
- Editing Proposals for Significance: What It Is and Why It Is Critical to Funding Success – Significance is a universal review criterion. Learn how PIs can make a strong argument for the significance of their proposed project.
- Applying for a Fulbright Award – Learn how to select which Fulbright program fits, what they're looking for, and how to apply.

[Read More](#)

Recent Awards

Jay Martin, Sushant Mehan, Asmita Murumkar – FABE, Vinayak Shedekar – OSU Extension, \$173,414; Evaluating water quality benefits of H2Ohio conservation practices in the Maumee River Watershed, Lake Erie Commission

Vinayak Shedekar – OSU Extension, Michael Brooker, Sushant Mehan – FABE, \$749,997; Advancing knowledge and prediction of phosphorus dynamics in tile drained landscapes, National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Jacqueline Baca, Kyle White – OSU Extension, \$55,200; 4-H urban outreach: Extension in the city, Nordson Corporation Foundation

Christopher Winslow, Kristen Fussell – Center for Lake Erie Research, \$199,500; Knauss Fellowships, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration

Interdisciplinary partnership initiative to support convergent research launched

Ten Ohio State entities are joining forces to advance interdisciplinary science, scholarship and creative expression that addresses pressing societal challenges. The new Interdisciplinary Research Enabling Initiative will support university teams, through four separate programs, with a combination of funding, facilities, staff support and other in-kind resources. The collaborative initiative kicks off with a call for proposals for interdisciplinary research pilots in four strategic topic areas. A second program for interdisciplinary scaling grants has also been announced.

[Research Pilots](#) | [Scaling Grants](#) | [Learn More](#)

Call for Judges

The 2022 CFAES Annual Research Conference Poster Competition is looking for faculty and graduate students to participate as judges. The event will be held April 11-12, 2022 in the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center. Please note that faculty will not judge posters submitted by their own students.

Graduate and Professional Poster Sessions

- Monday, April 11, 2022 - 9:00-11:00 a.m., 1:00-3:00 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 12, 2022 - 9:00-11:00 a.m., 1:00-3:00 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Undergraduate Poster Session

- Tuesday, April 12, 2022 - 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Awards will be presented to the top 3 students in each category on Thursday, April 24 from approximately 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. during a virtual awards ceremony (more details forthcoming). Please register as a judge by **3/9/22**. Questions regarding the grad & professional competition should be directed to Kayla Arnold.1065. Please send undergraduate questions to Pat Whittington.6 or Susie Sheller.1.

[Register](#)

Did you submit a grant proposal in 2021?

If so, please ensure that you also completed the university form ePA-005 for your proposal. This is the process to receive credit for proposal submission and the only formal mechanism that we can run a proposal report for the calendar year. It not only provides credit to the investigator, but to the co-investigators as well. The form is routed to the department chair for signature and makes them aware of your proposal submission efforts and hard work!

The ePA-005 is the University's proposal tracking application, used by investigators who are submitting proposals to external sponsors. The form can be accessed at rf.osu.edu/secure/ePA-005.

[Access Form](#)

New Online Postdoc Orientation

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs would like to ask faculty who hire new postdoctoral scholars during the months of January and February to direct them to our asynchronous online new postdoc orientation. PDA is relying on faculty mentors while we hire and onboard a new Administrative Director. They aim to resume directly inviting new postdoctoral scholars to orientation in March. New postdoctoral scholars should also subscribe to the [OPA mailing list](#) and the [Postdoctoral Association \(PDA\)](#). This is how they will receive important communications from our office and the PDA.

[Register](#)

Spring Learning Seminars from Wooster Campus Library

Beyond Google Scholar: Getting the most out of your library databases and research. Take your library research to the next level by getting the most out available databases

Where: Online via Zoom

When: Tuesday February 22nd at Noon -1pm

[Register](#)

Literature Review Workshop: Kick off your Lit Review with tips and techniques to stay organized, plan and write more effectively.

Where: Online via Zoom

When: Tuesday, March 1st at Noon -1pm

[Register](#)

Writing Support: Need more focused writing support schedule a one-on-one consultation with Beth Crowner.7

[Learn More](#)

OSU Research Internship Program on the Wooster Campus (ORIP) Applications Open

The 2022 OSU Research Internship Program (ORIP) on the Wooster campus is currently accepting student and faculty mentor applications. The program is managed centrally through the CFAES Office for Research and Graduate Education, and coordinated by Faculty Advisor, Michelle Jones, Professor (HCS). This year's program will run from May 9, 2022 to July 15, 2022.

Student Applications Due: February 28, 2022

Faculty Mentor Applications Due: February 28, 2022

The ORIP program is targeted to provide research experiences for high school students and undergraduates. Students must be 18 years of age by May 1st to participate. The goal of this program is to expand research opportunities to area students and to enhance their interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics by inculcating critical thinking skills through rigorous laboratory and field-based research experiences, seminars, group discussions, and symposia. The program opens the doors of our state-of-the-art laboratories to young students in the community to explore various scientific career paths.

All selected students will receive stipends and certificates indicating their participation in the program. The students will also build a network of peers, scientists, and experiences that will set them apart from others for college applications and future career opportunities. Please direct questions to Alexis Didinger.2@osu.edu.



[Apply Now](#)

Events & Opportunities

February 8

12:00-1:00 PM

R&GE Seminar Series: SPIN Funding Database

Learn to use SPIN to identify funding opportunities to support your research activities.

[Register](#)

February 9

11:00-12:30 PM

PDoc Scientific Administration and Professional Development

Learn effective project management by understanding the etools available & regular monitoring activities.

[Register](#)

February 22

12:00-1:00 PM

R&GE Seminar Series: TCO Is Here for You

Discover how developing an IP strategy with the TCO can help maximize the you research impact

[Register](#)

