Research News

May 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.

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Higher Education Challenge (HEC) Grants Program
HEC projects should: (1) address a state, regional, national, or international educational need; (2) involve a creative/non-traditional approach to address that need; (3) encourage & facilitate better relationships in the university science & ed community, and between universities and private sector, and (4) result in benefits that will transcend the project duration.
Deadline: March 9, 2022

Partnerships for Innovation (PFI)
The PFI Program offers researchers from all disciplines of science and engineering funded by NSF the opportunity to perform translational research and technology development, catalyze partnerships and accelerate the transition of discoveries from the laboratory to the marketplace for societal benefit.
Deadline: July 13, 2022

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View All Funding Opportunities

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Thanks for Celebrating CFAES Researchers & Award Winners

Celebration of Research Week
On behalf of the CFAES Office for Research & Graduate Education I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all who participated in the Celebration of Research Week festivities and a congratulations to all winners who were honored during the 2022 Annual Research Conference Awards Ceremony. If you missed the ceremony you can visit the 2021-2022 CFAES Award Recipients page to view the winners and their bios, as well as the research poster competition winners.

Throughout the week we highlighted our inaugural CFAES STARS (Strategic Alignment for Research Success) cohort on our Facebook and Twitter pages. We posed the question, “why did you get involved in research?” Check out their answers below to see the why behind some of the research taking place in our college, and make sure to follow us to stay in the loop on all things CFAES.

Internal Grants Program
The fiscal year 2022 Internal Grants Program (IGP) Final Report is now available. This report includes information about submissions, number of projects funded, and a complete listing of all funded projects. Congratulations to all who were funded in the FY22 competition! Learn more about IGP on our website.

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Spotlight

OMB Innovation Exchange Monthly Sessions
OMB hosts monthly sessions to share about exciting new ideas and approaches to grants management from fellow practitioners. The March session covered Fixed Amount Awards & Other Innovative Award Designs.

New Broader Impacts Webpage
"Broader Impacts at The Ohio State University and Beyond" - includes info/resources around broader impacts for faculty & staff, including how to request consultations and workshops. Questions? Contact Courtney Price.1217@osu.edu.

Top 10 Problems Reviewers Cite in Applications
As you prepare your grant application, avoid these common pitfalls! Here is a list of the most frequent problems reviewers in the NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR) cite when they critique grant applications.
Grant Management Updates

Have suggestions for Workday improvements, email WorkdayImprovementTeam@osu.edu.

Workday: Grant treatment worktag required on patient care costs, international travel, and alternations and renovations expenses

If a purchase on a grant involves patient care costs, international travel, or alterations and renovations, the transaction must include the grant worktag and grant treatment worktag. The grant treatment worktag is necessary for the transaction to map to the correct object class. This is true for either a requisition or spend authorization. Grant treatment worktags can be added in the additional worktag drop down menu on applicable transactions. Learn more about grant treatment worktags.

Preliminary Grant Numbers in Workday

It is important to know the sponsor when requesting a preliminary grant. In Workday, once expenses are on a grant, the sponsor cannot be changed. Therefore, a new award with the correct sponsor and cost transfers is required to move the expenses to that new award.

Supplier Invoice Process: Tips & Tricks

The Supplier Invoice Process is the process of paying all approved supplier invoices for goods and services as part of the Procure-to-Pay (P2P) process. It is managed by the Accounts Payable (AP) department. We use Workday to process and pay supplier invoices.

Postdoctoral Scholar Benefit Rates

When budgeting for postdoctoral scholars, all postdocs receive the A&P fringe benefit rate, in all circumstances. Find more detail and an excel file tool for NRSA postdoc fellows on the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs website.

PI Portal

Continue to report problems on the accuracy of the PI Portal as validation continues. Recent updates include:

- Missing Dec. 2020 missing payroll data has been added.
- Fringe benefits were recalculated using the appropriate rates for FY 21 (Jan – June 2021) and FY 22 (July 2021 - onward).
- All financial roll-up views were re-calculated since Jan 2021.
NSF News

New NSF directorate, the first in 30 years. The Directorate for Technology, Innovation and Partnerships, TIP, will focus on technology breakthroughs to answer the toughest challenges, including climate change. TIP will scale use-inspired research and accelerate the translation of results into real-world impact. It will expand the geography of innovation, STEM talent and ideas from places and people across the U.S.

Virtual NSF Grants Conference

Join NSF June 6-10, 2022, for the Spring 2022 Virtual NSF Grants Conference. Just like the in-person grants conferences, the virtual conference is a must, especially for new faculty, researchers and administrators. No-cost registration opens Wednesday, May 11 at 12 p.m. EDT. Sign up to be notified of conference registration details. All conference sessions will be available on demand shortly after the event.

Updates to NSF Resources

NSF has issued an updated version of the table entitled NSF Pre-award and Post-award Disclosures Relating to the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support. The table dated April 20, 2022 updates information on postdoctoral scholars, students, or visiting scholars and differentiates between research activities that are intended for use on the project/proposal being proposed and those that are not. A definition of honorarium also has been added to the table. In addition, the Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Current and Pending Support have been updated and new questions have been added.

Time & Effort Certification, OSP Grants (Correction from April)

Autumn term sponsored program effort certifications have been initiated in Workday to all monthly employees working on or PI’s of others* who provided effort on sponsored programs half of August – December 2021. Spring term certifications should be loaded late May to early June.

Certifying effort is a federal requirement that ensures a certain level of personnel time was delivered on grant objectives as offered at the proposal level. Federal guidelines are to certify or amend effort certifications within 90 days of occurrence.

For more information on effort certification and directions for accessing reports in Workday see the View Directions button below. The Workday team has also put together an instructional video which can be accessed via the Watch Video button.

You may be accustomed to receiving a monthly email reminder from Kevin Olsen from the Office of Sponsored Programs to certify. With the Workday conversion, you will be receiving notifications in your Workday inbox instead. Please check your inbox to ensure that you don’t have any outstanding certifications. Look for the words “institutional base salary” in the description. If you have questions regarding the accuracy of the payroll actions, please contact your cost center manager or grant manager for corrections.

*PLEASE NOTE that there may be some bi-weekly paid employees who have been asked to certify for the first time. The goal is for all bi-weekly paid staff, Grad Associates, and Post Docs to be certified by PI’s, but there have been some problems with the system and this may not always be the case.

Application open for 2022-23 Engagement Grants

The Office of Outreach and Engagement is seeking applications from faculty/faculty-led teams, and university staff that hold PI status, for the 2022-23 Engagement Grants. Grants will be awarded up to $20,000 to support development of impact reports for programs, performances or exhibits; development of a public policy document or impact report; development or implementation of a program, performance, exhibition, or initiative; or enhance or expand a program that extends community access to the university. Deadline: April 15.
NSF Convergence Accelerator – RFP Now Available

The highly anticipated NSF 2022 Convergence Accelerator funding opportunity RFP has released! A Letter of Intent (required) is due to NSF by 5/31/22, with full proposals due on 7/20/22. As a reminder, below are the resources from the Info and Ideas session held on 3/28/22.

“Launched in 2019, the NSF Convergence Accelerator builds upon basic research and discovery to accelerate solutions toward societal impact. The program funds teams to solve societal challenges through convergence research and innovation. To enhance its impact, the Accelerator also places teams together in cohorts, synergizing their work through facilitated collaboration. While the overarching goal of the program is to enable long-lasting societal impact, results for each solution and the way a solution transitions to societal impact will vary. Examples include:

- Integration of a solution into existing systems.
- Production of open-source tools and knowledge products.
- Expansion of a solution into new markets.
- Follow-on funding and investment”

With any questions or to further develop your ideas and team, contact Maureen Langlois 8@osu.edu, Kate Hayes-Ozello 1@osu.edu, Pam Schlegel.33@osu.edu, or Shannon Hollis.89@osu.edu.

Learn More | View Slides | View Recording

How Do I Know When I Can Announce My NIFA Grant Award?

The answer is: after your award announcement appears in the NIFA Update newsletter, which publishes every Wednesday, you are free to send out your own announcement. To subscribe to NIFA Update, visit the NIFA website, scroll to the bottom, see “Stay Connected” and select “Sign Me Up.” Add your email address, and then select “NIFA Update” (and any other subscription topics of interest). You can also view NIFA Update archives to read past issues.

During the award phase of the grant process, NIFA panels review applications, then NIFA program staff send notices of funding decisions to all applicants and issue awards to those who are successful. The email award notification you receive from NIFA gives information on whom to contact should you have questions, and it specifies that NIFA needs to announce the award first before you send your own announcement. A NIFA national program leader will contact you to let you know when the announcement embargo for your grant has lifted. Be sure to coordinate with your university’s director of communications (if applicable) as they will also be notified with the award announcement and embargo lift date. Read more about the NIFA grants process.

Learn More | Visit Website

Food and Health Research Using the Consumer Food Data System

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) recognizes that the health of our nation depends upon the health and well-being of our children and families. RWJF has widened its focus on childhood obesity to consider issues such as nutritional adequacy; upstream factors affecting food supply; nutritional assistance; and indicators of food quality and availability. To contribute to research, evaluation, and learning, especially for its healthy children and families focus area, RWJF is partnering with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA’s) Economic Research Service (ERS) on an opportunity to make their valuable data on food and nutrition available to researchers. By doing so, we hope to support research that will help to overcome structural barriers to equitable access to healthy food. Due May 16.

Learn More

FFAR-OCP Disruptive Technology Fellowship

This fellowship aims to spur and foster disruptive innovation in the next generation of fertilizer research and development through a research challenge, whereby emerging young scientists in ag research can enhance their efforts in fertilizer efficiency research & tech development. Tech & research generated through this project will address the need for increasing plant uptake of essential macronutrients and limit the loss of inputs— which contribute to water & marine ecosystem damage— while boosting productivity.

Learn More
Events & Opportunities

May 4
12:00-1:00 PM

(Economic Outlook and Policy Series) More than a wage

Register

Learn about recent research on how workers respond to different attributes of a job

May 17
1:00-2:30 PM

Intro to the Office of Innovation and Economic Development

Register

The Office of Innovation & Economic Development leaders will introduce their office and issues they handle

May 20
3:00-5:00 PM

Addressing Equity and Inclusion in Your Research Mentoring

Register

Learn to acknowledge conscious/unconscious assumptions, privilege, & biases in mentor-mentee relationships

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