Funding Opportunities

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

Minerva Research Initiative
Minerva brings together universities and other research institutions around the world and supports multidisciplinary and cross-institutional projects addressing interest areas determined by the DoD. The program promotes research areas of social science and builds a candid, constructive relationship between DoD & social science academic community.
Deadline: September 29, 2021

Racial Equity in STEM Education (EHR Racial Equity)
NSF seeks to support bold, ground-breaking, and potentially transformative projects addressing systemic racism in STEM. Proposals should advance racial equity in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and workforce development through research (both fundamental and applied) and practice.
Deadline: October 12, 2021

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The CFAES Office for Research and Graduate Education 2021-2022 Research Awards - Request for Nominations

F&A/P fringe Rates for Sponsored Programs - FY22. Based on the rate agreement, for projects funded on or after 7/1/2021

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National Research Administrator Day is observed annually on September 25 and recognizes working professionals who assist faculty and researchers at institutions like ours and other organizations that conduct research. Research administrators are what make the research world go round, and without them, we wouldn’t benefit from the societal and scientific advancements that make the world a better place. These vital staff members help guide us through the often-murky world of proposal submission, revision, resubmission, compliance, and award spending. They help us navigate through award management, effort reporting, purchasing, payroll, IRB and IACUC protocols, export controls, data use, reporting requirements, capacity funds, and so much more. If you utilize the services of a research administrator, please express your appreciation to them on September 25.

Each unit has personnel that perform these critical duties, and our office has a great team to assist you. These people are the “glue” that holds us together and keeps us moving in the right direction, always striving for improvement. If you are a research administrator, take a moment to recognize your own accomplishments and to feel pride about all the ways in which you provide valuable support to the Ohio State University and the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Science research community. Please join me in giving our research administration staff a special thanks on September 25. They support our high standards of research integrity and compliance and help sustain us as a world-class research institution.

Gary Pierzynski, Associate Dean for Research & Graduate Education

‘We’re problem solvers’: Research admins offer guidance to scientists

The 2011 earthquake in Japan changed this neuroscientist’s career path forever. His lab had been partnering with Toyota to integrate brain science into car-safety systems when he learned that he was good at the intensive budgeting and report writing that such a collaboration entailed.

How we became RAs: The unexpected career path to research administration

Ever wonder how you become a research administrator? Many people don’t even know the field exists! We talked to four Cayuse staffers who have worked in the field about how their careers in research administration began. Here are their stories:

How the National Science Foundation is Taking on Fairness in AI

Through a grant-making program called Fairness in Artificial Intelligence (FAI), the NSF is providing $20M in funding to researchers working on difficult ethical problems in AI. The program funded 21 projects in its first two years, with an open call for applications in its final year.
New & Newsworthy

**Become a Peer Review Panelist**

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) seeks qualified individuals to serve on peer review panels for grant applications. NIFA convenes peer review panels comprised of research, education, extension, and other subject matter experts to review competitive grant proposals. Panelist duties include reviewing proposals; drafting and submitting individual scores and written reviews; attending and participating in a panel meeting. NIFA needs your service to ensure our peer review panels have the required expertise and remain inclusive. If you are interested in participating, NIFA uses a Peer Review System to acquire volunteer sign-up.

**The President’s Postdoctoral Scholars Program**

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is pleased to announce the President’s Postdoctoral Scholars Program competition. This program, sponsored by the Office of the President, aims to aid in the recruitment and retention of postdoctoral scholars who have a promising future as leaders in their fields.

- Form of Intent Due: November 1, 2021
- Final Nominations Due: December 1, 2021

**Fulbrighters Experience Research Opportunities**

In June, OSU’s Office of International Affairs congratulated Dean Kress for “continuing to place a high value on supporting global opportunities for our students and faculty” resulting in OSU’s being ranked No.1 in the nation for the number of Fulbright scholar awards and No. 13 for Fulbright student awards.

**OSTP to Issue Guidance on Researcher Security and Researcher Responsibility**

The office says it will develop implementation guidance addressing three areas: disclosure policy, oversight and enforcement, and research security programs.

**Find and Access NIH Grants Data Quickly and Easily with the RePORTER API**

NIH’s modernized RePORTER site features a new application programming interface (API) that makes it easier to find, access, and reuse the grants data you need.

**The National Science Foundation (NSF) has published a revised version of the NSF Application Guide**

Grants.gov Application Guide (NSF 21-084). Overall, the Guide has been updated to align with the changes to NSF’s Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG) (NSF 22-1). The Guide will be effective for applications submitted or due, on or after 10/4/21.
The CFAES Office for Research and Graduate Education 2021-2022 Research Awards - Request for Nominations

CFAES R&GE is requesting nominations for the 2021-2022 Research Awards for the following categories:

- Distinguished Junior Faculty Award
- Distinguished Senior Faculty Research Award
- Innovator of the Year Award
- William E. Krauss Director’s Award for Outstanding Publication by a Graduate Student
- Distinguished Graduate Student Mentor Award
- Distinguished International Research and Engagement Award

The following timeline applies to this awards season:

- Award Applications Due: November 1
- Award Committees’ Selections Due: December 15 (with award recipients to be notified shortly after)
- Award Recognition: January at the CFAES Awards Ceremony in conjunction with the State of the College

OSU Ombuds Services

The Office of Ombuds Services provides an independent, confidential space where faculty members and graduate and professional students can discuss issues and receive informal counsel and advice. The ombuds help explore options and make decisions by gathering information and resources to aid in the process. They also guide individuals in identifying and reframing issues. The ombuds help develop solutions and strategies to resolve conflict by thinking creatively and working with the faculty or student to empower them with tools to solve problems themselves. In some cases, the ombuds might informally mediate and facilitate communication among involved parties. While the ombuds do not take sides in a conflict, they report to university officials any trends emerging from the issues brought to them by faculty and graduate and professional students. They can recommend improvements to policies and procedures and identify persistent sources of conflict.

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Attend an IGP Faculty Program Information Session

Interested in learning more about the CFAES Office for Research & Graduate Education Internal Grants Program (IGP)? These sessions will introduce you to the IGP competition categories, eligibility requirements, new submission portal, and application and review processes. Sessions will take place on 9/8, 9/9, & 9/13. Visit the site to learn more and get registered.

Access the current issue of Research Development and Grant Writing News

Topics this month include:

- Does Your Research Narrative Require a Description of Stakeholder Engagement? - Learn to identify stakeholders & engage them
- So you’ve submitted your CAREER proposal: What now? - Here’s what to expect over the next 6 to 9 months?
- EPA’s Got Its Mojo Back! - The administration has proposed a $3 billion boost to EPA’s FY2022 budget
- Organizing Your Response to Reviewers’ Comments on Resubmittals - Learn how to structure these sections

Recent Awards

Stephen Matthews, SENS, Mercer, Kristen, HCS, $127,234: American Elm restoration: Investigating Elm phenology, USDA Forest Service

Nathan Arnett, EXT, $203,228: Adventure Central, Five Rivers MetroParks

Reed Johnson, ENT, Ling, Chia-Hua, ENT, $190,889: Effects of field-relevant pesticide-adjuvant combinations applied to almonds during bloom on honeybees, Almond Board of California

Dee Jepsen, FABE $183,840: The Ohio agrAbility program, National Institute of Food and Agriculture
F&A/Fringe Rates for Sponsored Programs - FY22

Current Negotiated Facilities & Administration (F&A) Rates:

Based on the rate agreement for projects funded on or after 7/1/2021, the rates will be as below. Already active projects will continue to be charged their current rate, as proposed and awarded, until the next competitive segment or other natural break point. For new or competing continuation proposals already submitted but not yet funded, OSP will work with sponsors to obtain the new F&A rate whenever possible. However, if we cannot obtain additional funds, direct costs will be protected and will not be reduced to cover the increase in F&A rate, unless it is required by a sponsor.

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<td>Research</td>
<td>57.5%</td>
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<td>Instruction</td>
<td>52%</td>
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<td>Other Sponsored Activities</td>
<td>32%</td>
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<td>Off-Campus Rate</td>
<td>26%</td>
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<td>*Off-campus rate applies to those projects (a scope of work or activity with a separate budget and accounting) for which 50% or more of the salary and wages are incurred in facilities not owned and controlled by the University and for which rent is allocated as a direct cost to the project.</td>
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<td>Industry</td>
<td>68.2%</td>
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Fringe rates:

As indicated in the University’s rate agreement with DHHS, following are the fringe benefit rates that will be charged to sponsored projects beginning 7/1/2021. Fringe benefits include employer-paid contributions for retirement, health care, life insurance, etc. The cost of these benefits is calculated as a percentage of salary. Since benefits differ for different categories of personnel, there are a number of different rates.

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<td>Faculty (9 and 12 month appointments/direct and release time)</td>
<td>27.6%</td>
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<td>A&amp;P staff, including post doctoral researchers (direct and release–no wages)</td>
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<td>Classified civil service and type 2 wages</td>
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<td>Specials and type 3 wages – staff, non-enrolled students</td>
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<td>Pre and post doctoral fellows and trainees, graduate and undergraduate students</td>
<td>11.5%</td>
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<td>Undergraduate fellows and trainees</td>
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<td>Tuition and fees for GAs, trainees and fellows</td>
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Events & Opportunities

September 7
11:00-12:00 PM
Info Session & "Buckeye Bash" - Cyber-Physical Systems Research
Learn tips and best practices from an NSF program officer and former awardees
Register

September 20
11:00-12:30 PM
Using Social Network Analysis to Measure & Manage Teams
Learn more about the pre-award process, post-award requirements, and roles and responsibilities.
Register

September 21
2:00-3:00 PM
NSF’s Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Grant
How to utilize the MRI program and research computing technologies to meet your institution’s research goals
Register

September 22
1:00-3:00 PM
Ohio Ethics Law Workshop for Leaders/Supervisors/Managers
NIFA staff will give an overview of programs and upcoming RFA deadlines for FY21/22, plus a Q&A.
Register

October 4-8
2:00-4:00 PM
Fall 2021 NSF Virtual Grants Conference - Save the Date
Registration will be free & opens on 9/8 at noon. Sessions will reach capacity quickly, so register early
Register

November 1-4
All Day
NIH Program Funding and Grants Administration
This free, four-day event will include live chats with NIH experts & downloadable resources
Register

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