FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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

NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

The North Central Regional Center for Rural Development (NCRCRD) at Purdue University announces a competition for seed grants aimed at enhancing the ability of Land Grant institutions to positively influence the quality of life in rural areas of the 12 states in the U.S. North Central Region.

Deadline: January 15, 2024

NIFA CROP PROTECTION & PEST MANAGEMENT COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM

The purpose of the Crop Protection and Pest Management program is to address high priority issues related to pests and their management using IPM approaches at the state, regional and national levels. Projects will ensure food security and respond to other major societal pest management challenges.

Deadline: February 15, 2024

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USING PUB AG TO SHARE USDA-FUNDED WORK

Review a recorded webinar from NIFA and the National Agricultural Library to learn more about Departmental Regulation (DR) 1020-006, involving public access to scholarly publication and digital scientific research data assets.

Learn More

SPOTLIGHT

D.C. DAYS 2024 APPLICATIONS DUE

As a reminder, D.C. Days 2024 applications are due January 4, 2024. Apply today for the opportunity to meet with federal program officers, network, and increase your grant writing skills. The trip will take place in May 2024.

Learn More

NIH GUIDANCE FOR FOREIGN SUBAWARDS

Beginning January 2, NIH will require that foreign subrecipients provide the primary recipient access to copies of all lab notebooks, data and documentation that supports the research outcomes described in the progress report.

Learn More

Happy Holidays from CFAES R&GE!

The Grant Development Support Unit (GDSU) will be operating as usual this holiday season; however, many of our staff have vacation scheduled. Email will reflect our team’s out of office time, so please plan accordingly.

From the Office of Sponsored Programs, please note proposal/report submissions, invoice requests and agreements/amendments to be finalized by the end of the year must be submitted to OSP prior to December 15, 2023. Due to holiday staffing levels, OSP cannot guarantee items can be completed by the end of the year if received after this date.
The Grant Development Support Unit (GDSU) within the CFAES’s Office for Research and Graduate Education provides a complimentary service to support your grant submissions. Our team, with over 65 years of combined experience, has assisted in more than 1,250 proposals since 2009, contributing to over $199 million in funding for CFAES. Our goal is to handle the finer details, allowing you to concentrate on project development.

Our services encompass compiling peripheral documents to ensure compliance with funding guidelines, offering budget assistance (including proper use of fringe rates and indirect cost rates), uploading documents to submission platforms (when feasible), and coordinating the entire process with your assigned Sponsored Program Officer (SPO). Please see the updated Sponsored Programs Officer list for each department, effective December 1.

Please take a few moments to explore valuable information on the Office for Research and Graduate Education's website. You'll find details on available funding opportunities, grant templates, ePA-005 guidance, research professional development opportunities, and Workday grant management tips.

Additionally, you can request assistance from the Grant Development Support Unit (GDSU) by visiting here then clicking on the “Request Services” button on the right side of the page.

We eagerly anticipate collaborating with you on your grant journey. If you have questions or would like to schedule a meeting, feel free to email gdsu@osu.edu
IN THE NEWS

FEDERAL BAN ON BYTEDANCE (TIKTOK) EXTENDED TO ALL FEDERAL CONTRACTS

Faculty, staff and students who have any ByteDance application, including TikTok, installed on a device that is used in any federal contract work must delete the app on that device.

An interim Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) rule – issued by the Department of Defense (DOD), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the General Services Administration (GSA) – requires a new clause (FAR 52.204-27) that prohibits prime contractors and subcontractors from having or using applications provided by ByteDance Limited on devices used in the performance of the government contract.

- The clause should be included in any federal contract issued or started June 2, 2023, or after, and compliance should start immediately.
- The clause should be added by the contracting officer the next time the contract is amended or modified for any contract started before June 2. Because all federal contracts will eventually be required to comply, compliance is encouraged to begin now.

The ban covers all government, university and personally-owned equipment – such as computers, tablets and phones – that store, access or transmit federal contract information or data. FAR clauses are only applicable to federal contracts – federal grants and cooperative agreements are not impacted by this amendment.

BAYH-DOLE ACT INFORMATION

The Bayh–Dole Act or Patent and Trademark Law Amendments Act is federal legislation enacted in 1980 that specifies how intellectual property (IP) arising from federal government-funded research is handled. In short, the act permits universities that receive federal funding to own IP and inventions that result from the research, rather than assigning inventions to the federal government.

Several regulatory revisions of the Bayh-Dole Act went into effect that clarify certain definitions, reduce compliance burdens, simplify the electronic reporting process, and require written agreements between grant recipients and their employees.

Ohio State researchers – faculty, staff and students – that work on federal grants need to sign an agreement stating that any intellectual property that comes out of federally sponsored research is assigned to Ohio State. Those that fall under this requirement need only to sign the form one time.

After the form has been signed, it will be noted in the Study Team Lookup database.

The Bayh-Dole Act and its revisions remain consistent with Ohio State’s Intellectual Property Policy.
NEW COURSE MEETS NIH AND NSF RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS

The Office of Research has developed a new credit-earning course to meet National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Science Foundation (NSF) requirements for training in the responsible and ethical conduct of research (RCR). GRADSCH 8000: Responsible Conduct of Research is a weekly, in person, spring term course open to anyone at the university conducting research. Learn more about the class and how to register on the Office of Research website.

TRAINING AVAILABLE FOR CLINICALTRIALS.GOV USERS

The Center for Clinical and Translational Science offers a training resource for ClinicalTrials.gov (CT.gov), which is now available to help all researchers learn about the site, including: CT.gov clinical trial registration; results reporting; and required CT.gov updates. This training consists of seven training modules designed for the responsible party and record owner roles on the team.

FEDERAL CONTRACTORS AND EXECUTIVE ORDER 14026

Under Executive Order (EO) 14026, federal contractors are required to pay a minimum wage for employees working on, or in connection with, certain federal contracts. EO 14026 applies to contracts, subcontracts or contract-like instruments if the agreement is:

- A procurement for services or construction;
- For services covered by the Service Contract Act (SCA);
- For concessions, including any concessions excluded by the Department of Labor Regulations at 29 C.F.R. § 4.133(b); or
- Entered into with the Federal Government in connection with federal property or lands and related to offering services for federal employees, their dependents and the general public.

EO 14026 applies to all workers covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and performing work in connection with a covered contract for at least 20% of their workweek. It also generally applies to subcontractors that meet specified requirements.

For calendar year 2023, the federal contract minimum wage is $16.20/hour; effective January 1, 2024, it is increasing to $17.20/hour.
F&A WAIVER REQUESTS

Several years back we implemented a policy for college level approval for a waiver of some or all Facilities and Administration (F&A) cost recovery on grant submission. Compliance was good initially, but we have noticed an increase in issues recently, as outlined below.

As a reminder, individual faculty members and the department school do not have the authority to waive F&A. A waiver must be requested and approved in advance of the completion of the epa-005 and submission of the proposal.

F&A recovery reflects the true cost of conducting projects at Ohio State including infrastructure, IT, utilities, and other costs that generally cannot be charged directly to a grant. The F&A rates used by Ohio State are competitive with comparable universities, and much lower than the elite, private universities.

- Prior approval not obtained from the Office of Research and Graduate Education for a reduction or elimination of F&A cost recovery.
- Proposals have been submitted to the sponsor without the submission of a formal waiver request, the epa-005 is completed after the fact, leaving no time for an appropriate review of the reduced F&A rate being proposed.
- Recently there have been numerous requests for a reduction of F&A to meet a match requirement utilizing unrecovered F&A versus first pursuing other sources of match other than release time. Unrecovered F&A should be close to the last resort for meeting match requirements.
- Department level approval for a reduction in F&A have been offered to faculty without seeking prior college approval.
- A misperception among a number of faculty that that a reduced F&A rate, universally across sponsors, makes their proposal more competitive. This is simply not true, especially for submissions to funding agencies or programs that allow F&A to be recovered.

RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT & GRANT WRITING NEWS

We invite you to access the current issue of Research Development and Grant Writing News. The Enterprise for Research, Innovation, and Knowledge | Research Development Office provides access to this subscription-based newsletter for the entire campus community.

- DOE/SC Biological and Environmental Research – Learn more about DOE’s Office of Science’s Environmental System Science program.
- The Value of Reading Abstracts of Funded Projects – How abstracts of previously funded projects can help you get funded.
- Pursuing Funding From Private Foundations – Some private foundations fund academic research, but they are fundamentally different from federal agencies. Review the differences.
- National Academies Report on AI – How this National Academies feature story can help anticipate the role that AI will play in future funding opportunities.
- Developing a Strategic Plan for Funding Your Research – Learn how new faculty can lay out a strategic plan for research funding (reprinted from the September 2011 issue).
- Developing Your Research Agenda – Why early career PIs need to clearly articulate their long-term research agenda, and strategies to do that (reprinted from the September 2011 issue).
RECENT AWARDS

- Hanping Wang - South Centers, $709,188: Aquaponics Bootcamp: An innovative training process to enhance new aqua-farmer success in Appalachia, National Institute of Food and Agriculture
- Bill Peterman - SENR, $60,011: Distribution and multiscale habitat assessment of green salamanders (Aneides aeneus) in Ohio, OH Division of Wildlife
- Michelle Jones - HCS, $41,413: Identification and application of plant growth promoting bacteria to improve floriculture crop plant quality and reduce production inputs, Am Floral Endowment
- Robin Stone - OSU Extension, Amanda Osborne - OSU Extension, Nicole Debose - OSU Extension, $8,000: National Youth Sports Program (NYSP), Case Western Reserve University
- Laura Lindsey - HCS, Osler Ortez - HCS, Eric Richer - OSU Extension, $49,632: North Central Extension Risk Management Education Center, University of Nebraska
- Jennifer Lobb - OSU Extension, Amanda Osborne - OSU Extension, Nicole Debose - OSU Extension, $8,000: National Youth Sports Program (NYSP), Case Western Reserve University
- Laura Lindsey - HCS, Osler Ortez - HCS, Eric Richer - OSU Extension, $49,632: North Central Extension Risk Management Education Center, University of Nebraska
- Jennifer Lobb - OSU Extension, $34,750: Senior Series 2023, Franklin County Office on Aging
- Darren Drewry - FABE, $34,812: Remotely sensing crop stress in the U.S. corn belt, Iowa State University

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

12.7

NSF CAREER Award Informational Briefing | 1:00-1:45 PM
Join the Office of Knowledge Enterprise for an overview of this award opportunity and of the NSF CAREER Proposal Development Program.
Register Now

12.20

NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy | 2:00-3:30 PM
learn about the newly implemented NIH Data Management and Sharing (DMS) policy, including the requirement to submit a DMS plan with all new applications and renewals.
Register Now

1.9

Cost-Sharing on Sponsored Programs | 9:30-11:00 AM
Review of how to budget cost-sharing in proposals, gain approval from the department and college, and book cost-sharing after an award is made.
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