Office for Research & Graduate Education

Research News

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.

2021 OVSFRDP Application Available

The 2021 application for the Ohio Vegetable and Small Fruit Research and Development Program (OVSFRDP) is now available. The goal of the OVSFRDP is to improve the profitability and marketability of vegetable and small fruit crops through research and development. The grower-generated grant funds sponsor crop research supporting the development of new varieties, new cultural and pest management practices, and other activities to enhance the profitability of vegetable and small fruit crops. 2020 Research Suggestions | View Application

Deadline: January 15, 2021

Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowship (NNF) Grants Program

This grant program supports: (1) training students for master’s and doctoral degrees in food, agricultural and natural resource sciences; and (2) Special International Study or Thesis/Dissertation Research Travel Allowances (IRTA) for eligible USDA NNF beneficiaries. Awards are specifically intended to support traineeship programs that engage outstanding students to pursue and complete their degrees in USDA mission areas. Applicants provide clarity about the philosophy of their graduate training, and relevance to USDA mission sciences, NIFA priorities and national science education policies and statistics. Deadline: January 28, 2021

OSU and Ohio State Energy Partners (OSEP) Annual Awards

In 2017, The Ohio State University and Ohio State Energy Partners (OSEP) entered into a comprehensive energy management partnership, launching an unprecedented energy efficiency program and establishing the university as an international leader in sustainability. As part of its commitment to academic collaboration, OSEP will contribute $810,000 annually to the university or affiliated philanthropic causes. Working with OSEP, the Office of Academic Affairs will engage Ohio State faculty, staff and students through a request for proposals to advance important university priorities and promote interdisciplinary and community collaboration. Deadline: January 29, 2021

CFAES Wooster Science Building Virtual Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Please save the date to join Ohio State Vice President and CFAES Dean Cathann A. Kress for the CFAES Wooster Science Building virtual ribbon-cutting ceremony on January 14, 2021 from 10-11 AM. Registration will be sent the week of Jan. 4, 2021.
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NSF EARLY CAREER Opportunity
Interdisciplinary researchers interested in pursuing an NSF CAREER grant are invited to attend a mentoring session hosted by the Translational Data Analytics Institute, Sustainability Institute, Infectious Diseases Institute, and Initiative for Food and AgriCultural Transformation.

What: Panel discussion and open Q&A with past CAREER recipients and reviewers
- Dr. Tanya Berger-Wolf (Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology; Computer Science and Engineering; Electrical and Computer Engineering)
- Dr. Sean Downey (Anthropology)
- Dr. Huan Sun (Computer Science and Engineering)

When: Thursday, January 7 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Get Registered

Demystifying NIH Interactive Panel
Registration is now open for the Demystifying NIH interactive panel on Monday, January 25, 2021 from 12:00–1:30 pm via Zoom. This event is co-sponsored by the Colleges of Social Work, Education, and Human Ecology.

Doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty are invited to join us for a panel discussion and breakout sessions with National Institutes of Health program officers to learn critical strategies for finding and securing NIH funding. Learn about the diversity of research funded by NIH and how your own research may fit! Meet officers from NIMH, NIDDK, NIMHD, NHLBI, NIDA, and NIAID.

Register Now

Research Development & Grant Writing News - Now Available!
We invite you to access the December 2020 issue of Research Development & Grant Writing News.
In this issue:
- Understanding Competitive Funding Strategies for Integration of Research & Education at NSF – NSF’s mantra is integration of research and education. Learn why NSF’s current thinking on this requirement is important.
- When Your NSF Program officer Comes Back with Questions – It’s not unusual for a Program Officer to send a PI follow-up questions. This is a great sign, but it’s important to answer those questions effectively. Learn how to do that.
- Fundamentals of Funding Success: Synergy Not Silos – A common problem in team proposals is siloed research thrusts. Learn how to avoid that mistake.

Read It Now

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.

Read More

2021 CFAES Awards and the State of the College Address
Join Vice President and Dean Cathann A. Kress as she speaks on our accomplishments and what we are looking forward to in the future. Prior to the State of the College Address, we will be presenting college awards to selected CFAES faculty, staff and students.

2021 CFAES Awards | Friday, January 22, 2021 from 9:30-10:30 AM
2021 State of the College Address | Friday, January 22, 2021 from 11:00-12:00 PM

Register Now
Marion Dreamkeepers: Investigating Systemic Racism with YPAR

Congratulations to Whitney Gherman, College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, Ohio State Extension; Michelle Kaiser, College of Social Work; Community Partner: Johnnie Jackson, Marion City Schools

Marion Dreamkeepers will elevate Black, Indigenous, Youth of Color (BIYOC) as experts in community-based racial justice work and build capacity through Ohio State Extension and Marion City Schools toward a regenerative future.

Join the team in celebrating their grant award and ask questions to learn more on Thursday, January 7, 2021, starting at 6:00 PM. Go To Zoom Meeting | Questions

Increase in Per Diem Rates for Animal Care Are Effective January 1, 2021

The annual increase in per diem rates for animal care takes effect on January 1, 2021. The new rates reflect a 2-4% increase over FY 2020 rates. The rates also include a change in the setup fee charge for mice, previously applied only to external orders. ULAR is now moving to a standard fee applied to all new cages based on the time analysis of internal versus external setups. The FY 2021 per diem rates are available here.

If you have questions about the new rates, please contact Dr. Bergdall at bergdall.1@osu.edu or 614-292-1561. Learn More

Ohio Controlled Environment Agriculture Center Kick-Off Meeting

Plan to participate in the Ohio Controlled Environment Agriculture Center (OHCEAC) Kick-Off Meeting hosted by Dr. Chieri Kubota on January 8 from 11-12:30 PM. We are pleased to present our new research center at the Ohio State University – the Ohio Controlled Environment Agriculture Center (OHCEAC). The purpose of the Center is to promote research collaborations to advance controlled environment agriculture in Ohio and beyond: learn about this new research center, meet members and learn about collaborative opportunities, learn how to be involved and get engaged. Get Registered

First Round Awardees For the Seed Fund for Racial Justice Announced

Ten team projects were awarded funding this week for the first round of Ohio State’s Seed Fund for Racial Justice. This program seeks to develop exploratory research approaches and creative ideas that will help contribute to the elimination of racism and solve its underlying causes and consequences on our campuses, in our community, and across the nation.

Each project was required to have multi-disciplinary investigators and a community partner to ensure solutions have real-world applicability. The full list of funded projects is available on the OSU Office of Research website. Take Me There
Recent Awards

Chieri Kubota – HCS, Uttara Samarakoon - ATI, $99,326: Accelerating workforce development for the controlled environment agriculture industry, Cornell University

V.M. (Bala) Balasubramaniam – FST, Dennis Heldman – FST, $402,407: Transforming sanitation strategies in dry food manufacturing environment, Cornell University

Alvaro Garcia Guerra – Animal Science, $500,000: Pregnancy loss in cattle: Maintenance or regression of the corpus luteum beyond classical maternal recognition of pregnancy, National Institute of Food & Agriculture

Steven Moeller, Justin Kieffer – Animal Science, $111,458: Validation of the effectiveness of alternative euthanasia techniques for mature swine using a penetrating captive bolt gun and electrocution, North Carolina State Univ

Matt Davies, Steve Culman, Scott Demyan, Jeff Hattey - SENR, $499,590: Post-wildfire recovery and restoration of ecosystem productivity and soil health following wildfire in sagebrush rangelands, National Institute of Food & Agriculture

Daniela Miteva – AEDE, $50,000: Evaluate the causal drivers and impacts of MNs Ag Water Certification Program (MAWQCP), Univ of Minnesota


Treva Williams – EXT, $27,712: Active parenting- First five years education for parents and caregivers, Ohio University


New & Newsworthy

2021 Annual Research Conference
Save the date for the 2021 conference and poster competition

New NIFA Director Announced
USDA Announces Dr. Carrie Castille as New NIFA Director
Upcoming Events

**Recorded Session**
Anytime

**Workday: Grant Management Reporting and Analysis**
Learn when to use the PI Portal versus Workday and how to best use Workday to support spending on a Grant.

**Recorded Session**
Anytime

**Workday: The Grant Management Dashboard for Principal Investigators**
For Principal Investigators on how to make the most of the Workday Grant Management Dashboard.

February 10
1:00–3:00 p.m.

**Appointing People on Sponsored Programs**
Types of faculty appointments; time & effort reporting, key personnel, GRAs, post docs, others, off-duty compensation, release time appointments, supplemental compensation.

February 25
1:00–2:30 p.m.

**Purchasing on Sponsored Programs**
Differences and similarities of purchasing on sponsored programs vs. general funds, basic rules and regulations, human subjects/petty cash, field work.