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Applied Research Funding

An estimated $4,000,000 in Applied Research and Development Program funding is available through the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). Focus areas of this Crop Protection and Pest Management grant include plant protection tactics and tools; enhancing agricultural biosecurity; and IPM for sustainable communities. Applying? Consider writing PMN in your proposal as an outreach provider. We provide various outreach services, including website production, webcasting, as well as print and online promotions targeted at growers and their consultants—all this to ensure measurable impact for your project. Contact Phil Bogdan at Plant Management Network to get this simple process started.

New College Library is Home Away from Home
(onCampus)

It was a dungeon.” That’s how users of the old College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences library described the 1956 facility, housed on the ground floor of the Agricultural Administration Building, said Pat Whittington, assistant dean of student development. Today, after an eight-month renovation, students are enjoying a brand new space, the college’s Library and Student Success Center. -- > Read more: go.osu.edu/cfaeslibrary
Heart of Ohio EERA Summary of Programs – January-February 2015

A/NR Educators in the Heart of Ohio EERA have organized and taught the following programs.

There have been twenty - eight programs with over one thousand participants in Pesticide Recertification & Fertilizer Certification classes held throughout January and February. Additional programs will continue through early March.

Twenty - one Farm Bill Education programs have been held with 745 participants to date. There are additional programs scheduled in early March. Hundreds of individual consultations have been held in each of the county offices throughout the EERA.

Several county offices are hosting 2015 Beef School.

Articles have been published in Farm & Dairy (Wiseman).

Delaware County is into the 3rd week of their small farm College - 37 participants.

Rob just finished up the 2015 North American Farmers Direct Marketing Convention in Nashville Tn. 472 people overall, Rob lead a very diverse bus tour of 52 people from the US, Canada, Great Britain and Australia.

In addition to the cumulative EERA program results reported above, Mike Hogan reported on the following programs:

Urban Garden Academy – 36 participants
Farm Business Grants Workshop at OEFFA Conference – 38 participants
Master Gardener Booth at Columbus Home and Garden Show – 492 direct contacts
Urban Ag 101 Workshop (two locations) – 66 participants
Guest Lectured HCS 5306 – sustainable vegetable production – 38 students
Master Urban Farmer Workshop Series – 10 week session, graduated 50 participants
Developed Columbus Urban Ag Network
Developed Franklin County Ag Agency Working Group

Happy March Birthdays!

- March 2nd – Susan Hogan Educator – Franklin County
- March 9th – Lori Swihart Program Assistant – Licking County
- March 12th – Connie Smith Program Assistant – Fairfield County
- March 12th – Jeff McCutcheon Educator – Morrow County
- March 16th – John Barker Educator/Director – Knox County
- March 18th – Ted Wiseman Educator – Licking County
- March 19th – Mike Estadt Educator/Director – Pickaway County
- March 24th – Melinda Hornsby Information Associate – Delaware County

Reminder for CEDs

Reminder for the Central Region Calibration meeting on March 11, from 1-4pm, at the 4-H center, in the Gheres room.
Travel Grants for Scholarship of Engagement Available

Small grants are offered to offset the cost of travel or expenses related to presenting at conferences or participating in workshops associated with advancing the scholarship of engagement across teaching and research activities. Funding is offered for meetings that include the Engagement Scholarship Consortium Conference, the International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Civic Engagement, and the IUPUI Service-Learning Research Institute. Apply by Friday (3/20). Contact: outreach@osu.edu

Classes For Management

This is a free, 1-day program targeted toward new managers (new to OSU or new to management). We'll focus on building relationships through conversation, creating an inclusive environment, and understanding generational characteristics. Exchange ideas with managers from across campus on common challenges such as leading former peers and managing up. This workshop offers a 1-hour break for lunch on your own. *Lunch is not provided.

Offered:
- Tuesday, March 10, 9:00 am-3:30 pm
- Tuesday, April 14, 9:00 am-3:30 pm
- Thursday, April 23, 9:00 am-3:30 pm
- Tuesday, May 12, 9:00 am-3:30 pm
- Thursday, May 28, 9:00 am-3:30 pm
- Thursday, June 25, 9:00 am-3:30 pm
- Tuesday, July 14, 9:00 am-3:30 pm
- Thursday, July 23, 9:00 am-3:30 pm

USDA Grants

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) today announced the availability of more than $160 million in funding for research, education, and extension projects that address key challenges affecting U.S. agriculture production. NIFA will fund the awards through the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI).

"The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative was created to find innovative solutions to the challenges we face as a society, such as hunger and food security, health, climate, food safety, and bioenergy," said Sonny Ramaswamy, NIFA director. "We are now in AFRI’s sixth year, and already the program has made strides in advancing agricultural science. I am extremely proud of the work NIFA has funded thus far, and excited to see what groundbreaking research, education, and extension projects will result from this year’s funding. These projects provide funding for the critical research, training, and assistance that ultimately strengthens rural America and our economy."

For more information: http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAOC/bulletins/f29393
Campus Campaign 2015 has begun, and we’re ready for another record-breaking year! In 2014, our college had its highest number of donors ever, increased support across all campuses and received university-wide recognition amongst our peers. Your efforts and support made that possible. Thank you!

This year, we have set an ambitious yet attainable goal of 45% participation and we’re already over halfway there! As of February 4th, 27% of our college has already given back to a fund of their choice. Campus Campaign 2015 runs through April 30th, and every gift counts, no matter the size. Participation is key. Please join us in meeting our goal.

Please visit our new Campus Campaign 2015 Webpage for event updates, donor stories, videos, campaign highlights, department recognition and more!

Over the following weeks, look for requests to support additional funds representing various departments. Or pick a fund that is meaningful to you. If you have trouble finding a specific designation that you would like to support, please contact Assistant Development Director Tori Farmer at farmer.116@osu.edu or 2-6768 or email Campaign Ambassador Kenneth Martin at martin.1540@osu.edu. Help us hit another record breaking year!

Self Disclosure of Criminal Convictions Policy

This is a quick note to remind you that, as part of Ohio State’s Self-Disclosure of Criminal Convictions Policy, all current faculty, staff, graduate associates and student employees, appointees, volunteers and staff provided by third party vendors are required to self-disclose criminal convictions that occur within three business days of the conviction.

Please know that reporting a conviction will not necessarily impact your employment at the university. Once a conviction is disclosed, a determination regarding suitability for continued employment will be made based on the information received and collected regarding the conviction.

You may disclose a conviction by submitting the disclosure form to Elayne M. Siegfried, HR Director at Siegfried.20@osu.edu or directly to the Office of Human Resources at ohr@hr.osu.edu. Please contact Elayne Siegfried or Gina Thorpe, Background Check Coordinator, at Thorpe.45@osu.edu with any questions related to this policy.