CALS Funding Opportunities 1-11-16

USDA AFRI Releases RFA for Education and Literacy Initiative

The USDA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative is accepting proposals for the Food, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences Education and Literacy Initiative. The four funding areas for the ELI initiative are pre-doctoral and postdoctoral fellowships due Feb. 11, Professional Development Opportunities for Secondary School Teachers due March 18, and Research and Extension Experiential Learning for Undergraduate Fellowships due March 24. Submissions for the PD-STEP and REEU programs are limited to three proposals per institution; awards are limited to one per institution. The Office of the VPR will distribute information about the internal process for these limited submissions in the weekly list released on Wednesday. More

Proposals for USDA Organic Transitions Program Due April 15

USDA NIFA is accepting proposals for the Integrated Research, Education and Extension Competitive Grants Program – Organic Transitions. The goal of ORG is to support the development and implementation of research, extension and higher education programs to improve the competitiveness of organic livestock and crop producers. Budgets are limited to $200,000 per year and a maximum of $500,000. Applications are due Apr. 15. More

NSF Introduces Pilot Activity to Leverage GLOBE Resources

The National Science Foundation has issued a Dear Colleague Letter encouraging proposals for a pilot activity, Inclusion across the Nation of Communities of Learners that have been Underrepresented for Diversity in Engineering and Science. The INCLUDES activity leverages the extensive resources of the existing Global Learning and Observation to Benefit the Environment program to increase student engagement and diversity in the sciences. INCLUDES - GLOBE proposals can be submitted through the Discovery Research PreK-12 program by Dec. 5, or to the Advancing Informal STEM Learning Program by Nov. 8. More

USDA ARS Accepting Applications for Research Participation Program at ORISE
The USDA Agricultural Research Service Research Participation Program is an educational and training program designed to provide college students, recent graduates, university faculty and established scientists opportunities to participate in project-specific agricultural related research. Participants are administratively associated with Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education. Appointments for faculty and students are normally 10 to 12 weeks. One-year appointments for post-docs can be extended up to four additional years. Participants receive a stipend to support living and other expenses. Applications are accepted for each position until it is filled. More

Office of the VPR Workshop: Managing Your Award, Feb. 1

The Office of the Vice President for Research is offering the workshop, “Managing Your Award.” The workshop will include basic principles of award management and insight to help researchers build a successful team. Online registration opens Jan. 15 and is limited to 60 participants. More

Office of the VPR Training: Responsible Conduct of Research, Spring 2016 Sessions

All personnel working on projects supported by NSF, USDA-NIFA and/or NIH are required to have training in Responsible Conduct of Research. To meet this requirement, the Office of the Vice President for Research and the Graduate College are offering graduate course GRST 565, Responsible Conduct of Research in Science and Engineering. This one-credit course is accessible through the Schedule of Classes http://classes.iastate.edu/. Contact: Amy Tehan (ajotehan@iastate.edu, 294-7540). More

Funding Information, Opportunities and Deadline Reminders

Dates listed are application deadlines. Contact: Roxanne Clemens, rclemens@iastate.edu

Additional information is posted at CALS Pre-Award Resources.

Jan. 22 (letter of intent): Egg Nutrition Center Research Program; $50,000 to $200,000. More
Jan. 22 (Step-1): NASA Roses Sustainable Land Imagining-Technology; $300,000 to $1.6 million per year. More

Feb. 2 (abbreviated proposal): NIST Precision Measurement Grant Program; two awards, $150,000 over three years. More


Mar. 7: Department of Education College Assistance Migrant Program; $180,000 to $425,000 per year for up to five years based on performance. More

Mar. 7: Department of Education High School Equivalency Program; $180,000 to $475,000 per year for up to five years based on performance. More

Mar. 15: NSF MacroSystems Biology and Early NEON Science – Research on Biological Systems at Regional to Continental Scales. More

Mar. 15: NIH BRAIN Initiative: New Concepts and Early-Stage Research for Large-Scale Recording and Modulation in the Nervous System (R21); $300,000 direct costs. More

Mar. 17: NSF International Research Network Connections; up to $900,000 per year up to four years. More

Mar. 17: NIH U.S.-China Program for Biomedical Collaborative Research (R01); $1 million over five years. More
Mar. 22: NSF USDA Innovation at the Nexus of Food, Energy and Water; awards up to $3 million. More