CALS NEWSLETTER Funding Opportunities 12-7-15

USDA FAS Accepting Additional Applications for Export Assistance Programs
The USDA has announced that the Foreign Agricultural Service will continue to accept applications for the Emerging Markets Program, the Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops Program and the Quality Samples Program until FY 2016 funds have been exhausted. More

Internal Competition: Brain Research Foundation, Due Dec. 14
The Office of the VPR has issued an internal competition for the Brain Research Foundation Fay/Frank Seed Grant Program. The program provides start-up monies for new research projects in the field of neuroscience that will likely lead to funding from NIH. Awards are limited to $80,000 total direct costs for a two-year period. Pre-proposals are due to fundingopps@iastate.edu by Dec. 14. Contact Sue Shipitalo (sueship@iastate.edu) for pre-proposal guidelines. More

Brown Graduate Fellowship Applications, Due Jan. 15
The Brown Graduate Fellowship Program provides assistance for current graduate students or for recruitment of new graduate students to strategically advance ISU research in the areas of study that are governed by the Trust—science, agriculture and space science. Ph.D. students will be given preference, although exceptional M.S. students will be considered. The award is limited to one application per department or interdisciplinary program. Awards up to $10,000 are available. Applications must be submitted by Jan. 15 to Sue Shipitalo (sueship@iastate.edu). More

NSF Dear Colleague Letter: GERMINATION Applications, Due Jan. 19
The National Science Foundation is soliciting Early-concept Grants for Exploratory Research proposals for the Germination of Research Ideas for Large Opportunities and Critical Societal Needs. Proposals should address exploratory ideas to design learning frameworks, platforms and/or environments to enable participants to conceive research ideas and questions with potentially transformative outcomes. NSF anticipates making approximately 10 to 12 awards of $100,000 each for one year. More

Vodafone Americas Foundation Wireless Innovation Project, Due Feb. 2
The Vodafone Americas Foundation designed the Wireless Innovation Project as a competition to promote innovation and increase implementation of wireless related technology for a better world. Awards range from $100,000 to $300,000. Submissions are due Feb. 2. More

Revised NIH Grants Policy Statement for FY 2016
NIH announced the publication of the revised NIH Grants Policy Statement. The NIHGPS provides both up-to-date policy guidance that serves as NIH standard terms and conditions of awards for grants and cooperative agreements, and extensive guidance to those who are interested in pursuing NIH grants. While this revision does not introduce any new material for the first time, it incorporates new and modified requirements, clarifies certain policies and implements changes in statutes, regulations and policies that have been implemented since the previous version. The new policies are effective for budget periods beginning on or after Oct. 1, 2015. 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. 13: USAID Indonesia Sustainable Higher Education Research Alliances; $20 million over five years. More


Jan. 28: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation - Gulf Coast Conservation Grants Program 2016; $50,000 to $250,000, 1:1 match. More

June 30: Iowa Energy Center Special Project Grant Program; $15,000, 1:1 match. More

Sept. 30: USFWS Fisheries and Aquatic Conservation National Fish Passage Program; $500 to $1 million, 1:1 match per region. More

Nov. 21 (rolling basis): DARPA Biological Technologies EZ; up to $750,000, cost share may be required. More