CALS Funding Opportunities for June 1, 2015

**Internal Competition: Brain Research Foundation SIA**
The Office of the Vice President for Research is soliciting pre-proposals for the Brain Research Foundation’s Scientific Innovation Award in Neuroscience. This funding mechanism is designed to support creative, cutting edge research under the direction of established investigators. This opportunity is for projects that may be too innovative and speculative for traditional funding sources but still have a high likelihood of producing important findings in a very short timeframe. One proposal per institution will be accepted. Pre-proposals are due by June 8. Contact: Chitra Rajan rajanc@iastate.edu or Donna Van Pelt dyanpelt@iastate.edu. [More](#)

**Request for Expressions of Interest for Cochran Fellowship Program**
The USDA Foreign Agricultural Service is seeking to identify U.S. universities willing to host mid-level agricultural managers from lower- and middle-income countries (Eastern Europe and Eurasia) under the Cochran Fellowship Program. Cochran fellows come to the United States for two to three weeks to receive hands-on training to enhance their technical knowledge and skills in areas related to agricultural trade, agribusiness development, management, policy and marketing. Applications are due by June 19. Contact Eduarda Becerra (hocine@iastate.edu) with questions or for assistance in submitting an expression of interest. [More](#)

**Training E-Modules on How to Work with USAID**
The U.S. Agency for International Development offers an on-line training series designed to answer some of the most frequently raised questions from organizations interested in partnering with USAID. The purpose of the training is to provide tools for competitively applying for USAID funding. Module topics include researching potential funding opportunities, preparing proposals and applications, budget, and monitoring and evaluation plans. [More](#)

**Funding Information, Opportunities and Deadline Reminders**
Dates listed are application deadlines. Contact: Roxanne Clemens, rclemens@iastate.edu
Additional information is posted at [CALS Funding Resources](#).

July 2 (RFA questions due June 19): USAID Feed the Future Uganda Producer Organizations Activity; $3.3 million, 5 percent cost share, to strengthen producer organizations for coffee, maize and beans. [More](#)


July 17 (questions due June 15): USAID Integrated Nutrition and WASH Activity Rwanda; $19 million over five years, 15 percent cost share, one application per organization, contact Sue Shipitalo (sueship@iastate.edu) with interest. [More](#)

Aug. 1: NSF Opportunities for Promoting Understanding through Synthesis; $125,000 to $200,000. [More](#)

Aug. 18: NSF International Research Experiences for Students; $250,000 over three years. [More](#)

Sept. 8 (letter of intent): NSF Partnerships for Innovation: Accelerating Innovation Research - Technology Translation; $200,000 for 18 months. [More](#)