**Funding Opportunities 3-23-15 CALS Online Newsletter**

**Iowa Soybean Association Accepting Research Proposals**
The Iowa Soybean Association is accepting research proposals for 2015-16 funding. The ISA Board will fund projects that address its goals to increase soybean farmer competitiveness, especially through improved productivity and profitability while improving environmental stewardship. The ISA will consider both applied and basic research that will provide short- and long-term practical benefits to Iowa's soybean farmers. Applications are due May 15. For application materials, contact Kristin Doerder (kjd@iastate.edu), Iowa Soybean Research Center.

**USAID BHEARD Opportunity to Train Doctoral Candidates from Kenya and Rwanda**
The Borlaug Higher Education Agricultural Research and Development program at Michigan State University has issued a request for expressions of interest from U.S. universities for training students from Kenya and Rwanda for doctoral degrees. Areas of research interest for the Kenyan candidates include advanced survey analysis, agricultural economics, horticulture, plant pathology and veterinary virology. Areas of research interest for the Rwandan candidates include agricultural economics, agricultural engineering, biostatistics, horticulture, plant breeding and veterinary medicine. Expressions of interest are due by April 7 for the Kenyan candidates and by April 10 for the Rwandan candidates. Contact Denise Bjelland (bjelland@iastate.edu) for information about the applicants and submission materials.

**USDA-FAS U.S.-China Scientific Cooperation Exchange Program**
The USDA Foreign Agricultural Service is seeking U.S. organizations to organize training programs through the U.S.-China Scientific Cooperation Exchange Program. The program supports exchanges of U.S. and Chinese research teams to visit the partner country for up to 14 days to transfer knowledge and technology in agriculture. The program facilitates training in agricultural trade and policy; agribusiness development; animal, plant and food sciences; and extension services. Participants come from both the public and private sectors of China. Applications are due April 6. Contact Denise Bjelland (bjelland@iastate.edu) for information.

**New NSF Public Access Plan: Today's Data, Tomorrow's Discoveries**
On March 18, the National Science Foundation released its plan for increasing access to the results of research funded by the foundation. A two-page executive summary also is available. [Full Plan](#), [Executive Summary](#).

**NIFA Centers of Excellence Webinar Available Online**
The March 12 webinar on FY15 Implementation of the Centers of Excellence provision from the 2014 Farm Bill has been posted online. [More](#)

**CALS Travel Support to Attend NSF Regional Grants Conference**
The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will provide travel support for up to six CALS faculty members to attend the National Science Foundation Regional Grants Conference on June 1-2. Interested CALS faculty should contact Joe Colletti (colletti@iastate.edu) no later than March 25. [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](#).

Continuous submissions: NSF Climate and Large-Scale Dynamics. [More](#)

April 15: USAID Broad Agency Announcement for Climate Smart Agriculture - Identifying Opportunities for Action on Private Sector Engagement in Climate Smart Agriculture. [More](#)


May 14: USDA Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program. [More](#)

May 27: NSF Plant Genome Research Program. [More](#)

July 5: NIH Advancing Translational and Clinical Probiotic/Prebiotic and Human Microbiome Research (R01). [More](#)

July 5: NIH Advancing Mechanistic Probiotic/Prebiotic and Human Microbiome Research (R01). [More](#)

Aug. 14: FDA Minor Use Minor Species Development of Drugs; Research Project Grant (R01); $450,000. [More](#)
Oct. 16: NIH Small Research Grant Program (Parent R03); $100,000 direct costs. More

Dec. 1 (Step-1 proposal): NASA NSPIRES ROSES 2015 Land Cover/Land-Use Change; $750,000. More
