

## D.C. Days 2016 Announcement

October 5, 2015

The OARDC Directors Office and the Grant Development Support Unit (GDSU) are pleased to announce the opportunity for Assistant Professors to visit federal funding agencies in April/May 2016. **The purpose of the program is to maximize CFAES emerging faculty researchers to become more competitive by providing an opportunity to visit with federal agency program officers, learn how to better structure research proposals, determine whether the researcher's basic concept is a good fit with the sponsors program's goals and objectives, seek advice concerning project design and appropriate funding track, and be more competitive in the peer review process.**

Meetings with federal funding agency program officers will take place at the federal agency office in Washington D.C., as this allows for longer, more productive meetings and additional opportunities for interaction with agency representatives. Approximately 3-6 Assistant Professors will be chosen through the competitive application process. The GDSU will arrange a group visit (2-3 days) to the following agencies (based upon the successful applicant's interest) in April/May 2016.

*Below are examples of potential visits, however final destinations will be determined based upon applicant request and needs and availability of the funding agencies.*

### **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)**, NIFA division focuses on Competitive Grants

- Institute of Food Production and Sustainability
- Institute of Bioenergy, Climate and Environment
- Institute for Youth, Family, Communities
- Institute of Food Safety and Nutrition
- Center for International Programs

### **National Institutes of Health (NIH)**

- Research Grants (R series)
- Career Development Awards (K Series)

### **EPA**

- Wetlands
- Integrated Pest Management
- Climate Change

### **National Science Foundation (NSF)**

- Biological Sciences Directorate
- Geosciences Directorate
  - NSF Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Award
  - Rapid Response Research Grants
  - Division of Environmental Biology (DEB)

### **USAID**

- Agricultural and Food Security
- Environment and Global Climate Change
- Water and Sanitation
- Science, Technology and Innovation

## Eligibility Requirements

- Rank of Assistant Professor (pre-tenure)
- OARDC Appointment or an appointment in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

## How to Apply:

Interested pre-tenure Assistant Professors should e-mail a single PDF document to [schlegel.33@osu.edu](mailto:schlegel.33@osu.edu) containing the following:

- **Cover Page:** Applicants should include a cover page with the following information: Name, Faculty Rank, Department, Federal sponsors(s) you would like to meet with.
- **Abstract:** Applicants must provide a comprehensive abstract (1000 words or less) of the applicant's research program, the name of the agency they would like to meet with and a synopsis of an anticipated proposal submission. Applicants may list more than one agency or specific program officer on the application.
- **Curriculum Vita:** Vita should include a complete list of publications, contributed and invited talks, and funding history - including submitted, funded and non-funded proposals.

## Deadline:

Applications will be accepted through November 23, 2015.

## Review Process:

The OARDC Directors Office will review all applications and make final selections of applicants.

## Funding:

As we have done in the past, OARDC will share (50:50) in the cost of attending this special event. Departments will pay for the cost of the workshop up front and OARDC will reimburse departments for 50% of the cost (copies of the Travel Reimbursement paperwork/receipts must be sent to the OARDC Fiscal Office for Department reimbursement). Selected attendees will be responsible for arranging their travel arrangements (flight, hotel, etc.).

## Incentive

Each individual will receive a voucher for proposal development services through the GDSU (An \$800 value!) – If they submit a proposal within 12 months based upon the knowledge gained at the D.C. visit.