

D.C. Days 2018 Announcement

November 2017

The Office of Research and Graduate Education and the Grant Development Support Unit (GDSU) are pleased to announce an opportunity for College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) faculty to visit federal funding agencies in May 2018.

This program encourages researchers to become more competitive by providing an opportunity to visit with federal program officers. This allows the researcher to determine if their basic research concept is a good match to the sponsor's mission, seek advice concerning project design and appropriate funding track, and better understand the peer review process.

Meetings with program agencies will take place in Washington, D.C. Approximately 4-8 individuals will be chosen through a competitive application process to attend the 3 day trip. The GDSU will arrange a group visit (Days 1 and 2) in May 2018 at the selected agencies. We encourage you to schedule individual appointments (Day 3) with specific program officers of your choosing. We will assist you with this process if needed.

Potential sponsors to visit are listed to the right. Final destinations will be determined based upon applicant interest and availability of program officers from the funding agencies. Please feel free to share additional agencies you are interested in.

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

United States Environmental Protection Agency

- 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)

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

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

OSU Government Affairs Office

United States Agency for International Development



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A. Eligibility:

- ▶ Any faculty member with an appointment in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences may apply.
- ▶ Applications will be accepted from any interested faculty member, however *priority will be given to those with the rank of Assistant Professor (pre-tenure)*.

B. How to Apply:

Interested individuals should e-mail a single PDF document to schlegel.33@osu.edu containing the following:

1. **Cover Page:** Include Name, Faculty Rank, Department, and up to three Federal sponsors and/or specific program officers within their programs you would like to meet with.
2. **Abstract:** Applicants must provide a comprehensive abstract (**1000 words or less**) detailing research activities and a synopsis of an anticipated proposal submission.
3. **Curriculum Vita:** Vita should include a complete list of publications, contributed and invited talks, and funding history - including submitted, funded and non-funded proposals.

C. Deadline:

Applications will be accepted through **December 15, 2017**.

D. Review Process:

All applications will be reviewed, and the selected applicants will be notified in January 2018.

E. Funding:

The Grant Development Support Unit will share in the cost of attending this special event. Departments will pay for the cost of the workshop up front, and CFAES will transfer a sum of \$500 to the department to assist with travel costs **after** the event is finished. GDSU will provide hotel information and travel dates. Selected attendees will be responsible for making their own travel arrangements in accordance with university policy (flight, hotel, etc.). Departments will be responsible for maintaining all travel documentation.



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