

Greetings,

The new FY 19 Request for Proposals for SEEDS: The Research Competitive Grants Program is now available online: <https://grants.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/seeds/seeds-rfp>. Please share the new RFP or this email with the faculty members in your department.

Faculty proposals will be due **Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.**

Undergraduate proposals will be due **Friday, December 14, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.**

Graduate proposals will be due **Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.**

Everyone is invited to attend informational sessions on the SEEDS faculty RFP. The dates and times of these sessions are:

Tuesday, September 11

250A Ag. Admin (Columbus)
10:00-11:00am

Wednesday, September 12

250A Ag. Admin (Columbus)
2:30-3:30pm

Thursday, September 13

130 Research Services (Wooster)
10:30-11:30am AND 1:00-2:00pm

Informational sessions on the student RFP will be announced at a later date. Please be on the lookout for a future announcement.

Based on comments and recommendations in the panel meetings over the course of the past year, the Request for Proposal (RFP) FY 2019 was updated. Significant changes include:

FACULTY RFP

Partnership Grant Competition (pg. 2)

No in-kind contributions or purchases by outside parties can be used to satisfy the Partnership matching funds component.

Eligibility and Service as an Investigator (pg. 4)

Active projects and final reports must be completed by the proposal application due date (**October 10, 2018**), in order to be eligible for new funding. Additionally, any P.I. serving as a faculty advisor to a student with an overdue SEEDS report will be ineligible for new SEEDS funding for themselves or for other student projects until the overdue report is filed.

Submission Process (pg. 5)

Due to the high volume of submissions, no technical or administrative questions will be answered by the SEEDS Coordinator on the day of submission unless they are related to website submission errors.

STUDENT RFP

Graduate Student Proposal Deadlines (pg. 3)

In order to have graduate projects start earlier in the spring, the graduate proposal deadline has been moved up to December 19, 2018.

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Current Funding (pg. 5)

We are now asking students to include a list of current funding.

Also please note that Gary Pierzynski, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education, will be encouraging the selection panels to place greater emphasis on using SEEDS funding to make faculty members or teams more competitive for external funding. Therefore, presenting a clear plan for how this will be accomplished should the grant be funded will strengthen the proposal.

In FY 2018, 49 SEEDS applications were submitted requesting \$2,412,158 in funding. Overall, 19 faculty awards were made, an investment of \$894,745. In addition to the faculty awards, 51 student proposals were submitted this year. Three undergraduate and 20 graduate awards were made for an investment of \$107,579.

We would also like to recognize the members of the CFAES Research Committee. Committee members and panel chairs devote countless hours of their time reviewing, discussing and recommending proposals for funding. Their efforts are very much appreciated!

We sincerely thank the following departing committee members: Larry Antosch (Ohio Farm Bureau Federation), Mary Rodriguez, (ACEL) and Sudhir Sastry (FABE).

2018-2019 CFAES Research Committee:

Macdonald Wick, Animal Sciences, Chair
Kristina Boone, Ohio State Agricultural Technical Institute
Amanda Bowling, Agricultural Communication, Education and Leadership
Joyce Chen, Agricultural, Environmental and Developmental Economics
Matt Davies, School of Environment and Natural Resources
Gary Gao, The Ohio State University Extension
Mary Gardiner, Entomology
Dennis Heldman, Food Science and Technology
Jordan Hoewischer, Ohio Farm Bureau Federation
Alex Lindsey, Horticulture and Crop Science
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Qihong Wang, Food Animal Health Research Program
Ye Xia, Plant Pathology
Lingying Zhao, Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Gary Pierzynski, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education, College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Ex-Officio

Lori Kaser, Grants and Contracts Administrator, College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Ex-Officio

Melissa Burant, Grants Development Specialist, serves as the Coordinator of the SEEDS Program.

All questions regarding the SEEDS program should be directed to Melissa Burant, burant.2@osu.edu.

Sincerely,

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