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Funding Opportunities Weekly Digest – February 9, 2021

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Federal



United States Department of Agriculture
National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Call for 2021 National Cooperative Extension Awards

The Excellence in Extension Awards recognize Cooperative Extension professionals who excel at Extension programming, make a positive impact on constituents served, and provide visionary leadership. **Two nominations per institution are considered.** Honorees receive a cash award and plaque presented at the APLU annual meeting in November.

Application deadline: 5/1/21 | [View Opportunity](#)

National Extension Diversity Award

The purpose of this award is to acknowledge accomplishments of Cooperative Extension professionals in achieving organizational changes that support diversity, pluralism, and innovation in programs that impact our Extension audiences. The Award for Diversity is designed to focus national attention on innovative models and techniques that ensure that Extension programs equitably engage all appropriate audiences in an effective manner. **The**

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Application deadline: 5/1/21 | [View Opportunity](#)

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) [Deadlines FY 21 & FY22](#)
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Please see [NIFA Upcoming RFA Calendar](#) **and email** aggrant@utk.edu **to apply.**



The Agricultural Genome to Phenome Initiative (AG2PI)

Created to address the challenges of agriculture, from genome to phenome, by building a cross-kingdom and multi-disciplinary research community. The seed grant mechanism within AG2PI is intended to foster first steps towards the development of community solutions to research needs and opportunities, as well as gaps in physical infrastructure and data management.

Application Deadline: 3/19/21 | [View Opportunity](#)

AG2PI will be hosting a [Seed Grant Conference](#) on February 24 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (CST). This conference will provide an overview of the seed grant mechanism, examples of how seed grants have improved or advanced a scientific endeavor or community, and will provide an opportunity to ask questions regarding the seed grants.



Upcoming standard NIH due date for **new investigator-initiated** applications:
R01: February 5

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National Robotics Initiative 3.0: Innovations in Integration of Robotics

Program to support fundamental research in the United States that will advance the science of robot integration. The program supports research that promotes integration of robots to the benefit of humans including human safety and human independence. The USDA/NIFA encourages robotics research, applications, and education to enhance agricultural production, processing, and distribution systems that address the following goals of the [USDA science blueprint](#) - sustainable agricultural intensification, climate adaptation in agriculture, value added innovation in agricultural systems, and translation of food and nutritional information technological advances in food industry. USDA emphasizes automation (including robotics) and associated development of decision tools for plant and animal production and protection; particularly as it applies to fruit and vegetable production and of precision livestock farming & processing.

Application Deadline: 3/3/21 | [NSF 20-522](#)

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Fiscal Year 2021 National Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program

The EPA Exchange Network Grant Program is soliciting project applications using the Environmental Information Exchange Network.

Application Deadline: 3/31/21 | [View Opportunity](#)

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2021 Request for Specialty Crop Block Grant (SCBG) Proposals

The purpose of the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP) is to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. Specialty crops are defined as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, and nursery crops (including floriculture).

Application Deadline: 3/15/21 | [View Opportunity](#)

International



FY 2021 FFPr Standing NOFO - Food for Progress

The FFPr program provides for the donation of U.S. agricultural commodities to developing countries and emerging democracies committed to introducing and expanding free enterprise in the agricultural sector. The commodities are generally sold on the local market and the proceeds are used to support agricultural development activities.

Application Deadline: 8/2/21 | [View Opportunity](#)



Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Food Systems for Nutrition

The goal of the Food System Innovation Lab is to conduct global research on problems affecting food, agriculture, forestry, and fisheries, using agricultural

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Application Deadline: 3/8/21 | [View Opportunity](#)

Non-Profit & Foundations



U.S. Scholar Program

The Scholar Program offers diverse opportunities for U.S. academics, administrators, and professionals to teach, research, do professional projects, and attend seminars abroad.

Application Deadline: 9/15/21 | [View Opportunity](#)

ORE Faculty Fulbright Fellowship Workshop

Hosted by Alan Rutenberg, the Fulbright campus representative, this workshop will include examples of opportunities across many disciplines as well as a review of the application process.

2/23/21 at 10 a.m. and 2/24/21 at 2 p.m. | [Register](#)



The Hong Kong Jockey Club
**Equine Welfare
Research Foundation**

Equine Welfare aims to provide funding for approximately six projects in the first round of applications, opening in March 2021.

Major Research Grant

Funding for research teams which share a vision to tackle major equine welfare-related issues by conducting original, high quality scientific research with good translational potential.

Pump-prime Funding

Support for “proof of concept” studies to test innovative and creative ideas with

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Small Research Project

Offers opportunities to clinicians, scientists, and practitioners working in the equine field to develop ideas and practices which may be applicable in their workplaces and of benefit to the wider community.

Application Deadline: 4/30/21 | [View Opportunities](#)
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Additional Opportunities:

UT Knoxville Office of Research and Engagement

[COVID-19 Funding Opportunities](#)

[Pivot Funding Opportunities](#) (Create your account)

[Office of Sponsored Programs](#) (Funding Opportunities to Consider)

[Hanover Higher Education Research Grant Alerts](#) (Funding Opportunities)

This [resource center](#) link provides weekly updates.

For COVID-19 support email (covid19-support@hanoverresearch.com).

Hanover Grants Calendar: COVID-19 Funding

[open to the public to sign up](#). To learn more visit [Hanover Research.com](https://hanoverresearch.com)

We hope this calendar is a useful planning tool for your institution. Please access the document using the link below.

[COVID-19 Funding Calendar](#)

If you have any questions or you would like to learn more about our work with these programs, please [contact senior grants advisor Clinton Doggett](#) for a brief conversation.

For additional COVID-19 information, [visit the UTIA OSP Coronavirus webpage](#).

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