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## Funding Opportunities Weekly Digest–June 1, 2021

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### Federal



#### **Rural Placemaking Innovation Challenge (RPIC)**

The RPIC is a technical assistance and planning process for qualified entities to support rural community leaders to create places where people want to live, work, and play. This initiative is to provide planning support, technical

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preserve cultural and historic structures; and support the development of transportation, housing, and recreational spaces. Applicants must demonstrate existing and proposed partnerships with public, private, philanthropic, and community partners to provide assistance. This funding announcement supports the delivery of technical assistance and training in visioning, planning, and assisting communities to implement placemaking efforts in rural communities under the RPIC.

Application Deadline: 6/26/21 | [View Opportunity](#)



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Institute of Food and Agriculture

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**Please see [NIFA Upcoming RFA Calendar](#) and email [aggrant@tennessee.edu](mailto:aggrant@tennessee.edu) to apply.**



**Single-use Plastics Recycling (SUPR)**

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sorting/separation, contamination, and lack of economic methods for recycling and upcycling. Multilayer materials present further challenges, including immiscibility of different polymer layers and inclusion of inorganic materials. Technology can help to address these challenges by developing methods for recycling, deconstruction, and upcycling films that are sufficiently economic to incentivize collection, sorting and retention. Designing films to be inherently more recyclable or biodegradable, while retaining desired properties such as flexibility, barrier properties and strength could also make recycling of films more economical.

Application Deadline: 8/16/21 | [View Opportunity DE-FOA-0002473](#)

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### **Invasive and Noxious Management**

A successful noxious weed control program is essential to maintaining the health of our native landscapes and consists of the following goals:

- Inventoring and documenting locations of noxious weeds and other invasive species.
- Using an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM) approach to determine the most effective method of weed control (herbicides, grazing, mechanical removal etc.).
- Selecting the most effective and targeted herbicide for treatment.
- Stabilization and rehabilitation of disturbed areas.
- Implementation and monitoring of weed control and site rehabilitation measures.
- Conducting post treatment monitoring to determine effectiveness.
- Prioritization and treatment of target undesirable plant species or groups of species to be

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weed management strategies to determine rate of success and to inform future efforts. Development and dissemination of public education and outreach activities and materials. Promoting public engagement and learning opportunities, through resources education and outreach programs, events, and products. Adaptive management for controlling new weed species and use of new and approved treatments.

Application Deadline: 6/29/21 | [View Opportunity L21AS00531](#)



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International

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### **2021 Cochran Fellowship Program**

Since 1984, the US Congress has made funds available to the Cochran Fellowship Program for training agriculturalists from middle-income countries, emerging markets, and emerging democracies. Training opportunities are for senior and mid-level specialists and administrators working in agricultural trade and policy; agribusiness development; management; animal, plant, and food sciences; extension services; agricultural marketing; and many other areas. Application deadline: 7/2/21 | [View Opportunity](#)

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Internal



### **Office of Research and Engagement**

#### **Southeastern Conference (SEC) Visiting Faculty Travel Grant Program**

The [Southeastern Conference \(SEC\) Visiting Faculty Travel Grant Program](#) is intended to enhance faculty collaboration that stimulates scholarly initiatives between SEC universities. It gives faculty members from UT the opportunity to travel to another SEC campus to exchange ideas, develop grant proposals, conduct research, consult with faculty and/or students, offer lectures or symposia, present a recital, or engage in whatever activities are agreeable to

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faculty members. Travel must occur between August 1, 2021, and July 31, 2022.

To be considered for one of UT's SEC travel grants, please fill out the application on InfoReady by July 15, 2021, at 5 p.m. [Click here to apply to the competition](#). If you have any questions about the application process or the competition, please contact [Hannah Schmidt](#).



### **UTIA Faculty Seed Grants Program 2021**

The Smith Center for International Sustainable Agriculture offers seed grants to teams from across UTIA for global engagement. These grants allow for the development of new teaching, research, and Extension collaborations, materials, and trainings.

Application Deadline: 7/9/21 | [View Opportunity](#)

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## **Additional Opportunities:**

**UT Knoxville Office of Research and Engagement**

[COVID-19 Funding Opportunities](#)

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

For COVID-19 support email ([covid19-support@hanoverresearch.com](mailto:covid19-support@hanoverresearch.com)).



### [Grants Calendar: STEM Research](#)

As a reminder, AgResearch and CVM faculty can work directly with Hanover grant consultants for assistance on grant proposal preparation. If you're interested in consultation services for a specific proposal, please visit our [website](#) and fill out a [project request submission form](#).

## **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.

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

**Grants Calendar: Stem Research**

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