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## Funding Opportunities Weekly Digest—October 19, 2023

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**To notify the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) of your intent to apply for any of these or other grant opportunities, please submit a [Proposal Intake Questionnaire](#) to provide OSP with preliminary information.**

**Check out the [Office of Sponsored Programs website](#) to view more funding opportunities to consider.**

### Federal



#### **Wood Products Infrastructure Assistance**

The USDA Forest Service is announcing the availability to provide financial assistance to facilities that purchase and process byproducts from ecosystem restoration projects in areas at risk of unnaturally severe wildfire or insect or disease infestation through funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The intent is to substantially decrease the cost of conducting restoration projects involving vegetation removal on federal and Tribal lands and invest in surrounding communities. These ecosystem restoration byproducts could include trees, logs, chips, and woody biomass harvested through timber sales, thinning, hazardous fuels reduction treatments, or other restoration management activities.

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## **Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Education and Workforce Development**

The Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Education and Workforce Development program focuses on developing the next generation of research, education, and Extension professionals in the food and agricultural sciences. The National Institute of Food and Agriculture requests applications for the following program areas: professional development opportunities for K–14 educational professionals; non-formal education that cultivates food and agricultural interest in youth; workforce training at community, junior, and technical colleges; training of undergraduate students in research and extension; and fellowships for predoctoral candidates and postdoctoral scholars.

Application Deadline: 12/7/23 | [View Opportunity](#)

## **Wood Innovations Funding Opportunity**

The USDA Forest Service is announcing the availability of funding to support projects that will substantially expand and accelerate wood products and wood energy markets throughout the United States to support forest management needs on National Forest System and other forest lands.

Application Deadline: 12/15/23 | [View Opportunity](#)

## **Specialty Crop Multi-State Program**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service, requests applications for the fiscal year 2023 Specialty Crop Multi-State Program. The Agricultural Marketing Service will competitively award funds to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops through collaborative, multi-state projects that address the following regional or national level specialty crop issues: food safety, plant pests and disease, research, crop-specific projects addressing common issues, and marketing and promotion.

Application Deadline: 12/22/23 | [View Opportunity](#)

## **Farm to School Grant Program**

The Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program is designed to increase the availability of local foods in schools and help connect students to the sources of their food through education, taste tests, school gardens, field trips, and local food sourcing for school meals. Grants can launch new farm to school programs or expand existing efforts.

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- **October 26:** [Predoctoral Fellowships](#)
- **October 30:** [Community Food Projects Competitive Grant Program](#)
- **November 2:** [Social Implications of Food and Agricultural Technologies](#)
- **November 13:** [Veterinary Shortage Situation Nominations Deadline](#)
- **December 7:** [Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Education and Workforce Development](#)
- **December 29:** [Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational and Applied Science Program](#)

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### **Organismal Response to Climate Change**

Proposals are encouraged to build on National Science Foundation's investment in growing convergence research by developing integrative, cross-disciplinary approaches that examine the organismal mechanisms that underlie adaptive and maladaptive responses to environmental factors associated with climate change, how these responses affect fitness in changing and/or novel climates and the genetic and evolutionary processes (eco-evolutionary) through which these traits originate, persist, and are transmitted across generations.

Application Deadline: 12/13/23 | [View Opportunity](#)

### **Plant Genome Research Program**

The Plant Genome Research Program supports genome-scale research that addresses challenging questions of biological, societal, and economic importance. This program encourages the development of innovative tools, technologies, and resources that empower a broad plant research community to answer scientific questions on a genome-wide scale.

Application Deadline: Accepted Anytime | [View Opportunity](#)

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## Foundations and Nonprofits



### **Addressing Evidence-based Health Benefits of Human-Animal Interaction**

The Human Animal Bond Research Institute is issuing a call for research proposals to investigate the health outcomes of pet ownership and/or animal-assisted interventions, both for the people and the animals involved. Proposals should have a strong theoretical framework and focus on innovative approaches to studying the positive effects of companion animals on human health.

Application Deadline: 2/22/24 | [View Opportunity](#)

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### **Open-Access Publishing Fund**

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is pleased to announce a new funding opportunity to support research that advances animal welfare. The Open-Access Publishing Fund is designed to support the dissemination of results of innovative and impactful animal welfare research.

Application Deadline: Accepted Anytime | [View Opportunity](#)

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### **Behavior and Welfare of Wild or Domesticated Horses**

The foundation is specifically interested in research involving cognition, learning, stereotypes; separation anxiety, affiliative behavior toward humans, the effects of equine temperament on welfare, and equine psychopharmacology. Projects focusing solely on behavioral measurements for

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## Additional Opportunities:

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



As a reminder, AgResearch and College of Veterinary Medicine 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](#).

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.

[Grants Calendar: Early Career Research](#)

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