

AAEA News

AAEA Trust Call for Proposals

The AAEA Trust supports the work of agricultural and applied economists by funding programs, initiatives, activities, or other creative endeavors designed to advance the profession. Proposals are chosen to receive funding based on their ability to accomplish at least one of the following goals:

- support graduate student and early career professional development
- enhance the AAEA Annual Meeting
- broaden participation in AAEA across the year (beyond Annual meetings)
- address our strategic goal to be more inclusive through outreach to new groups
- broaden the horizons of the current membership

Funds donated to the unrestricted and student and early career professional development categories of the AAEA Trust will be used to fund proposals approved by the AAEA Trust Committee and Executive Board. Proposals from AAEA Committees and Sections are encouraged. Please note that the Trust does not fund individual research projects, nor does it retroactively fund activities that have already taken place. Please contact Trust Committee Chair Rudy Nayga at rnayga@tamu.edu if you would like to discuss your proposal ideas before submission.

Proposal submissions should include:

1. A cover sheet with the name of the applicant; applicant's mailing address, e-mail, and phone number; title of the project; abstract of the project; timing, duration, and location of the project; and amount of funding requested.
2. A project description, not to exceed five double-spaced pages, including the purpose (and how that aligns with the goals above), scope, implementation procedures, the individuals responsible for the management of the project, the date/timing of the project, and location of the project.
3. An itemized budget indicating costs to be borne by the Trust and funding provided by other sources, if any. The AAEA Business Office may be a resource for budget information. Proposals are strongly encouraged to secure matching outside funds. Fund requests should remain under \$20,000.

Proposals should be submitted as a single PDF file by **Monday, October 14, 2024**, to ensure consideration for funding for the next year. Proposals will be reviewed by the AAEA Trust Committee, which will make recommendations to the Executive Board for action at the January 2025 Board Meeting.

Proposals should be submitted to Kristen McGuire via e-mail at kmcquire@aea.org. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen or Rudy.

Anthony Grano Fellowship Award Call for Applications

The AAEA Trust is now accepting applications for the Anthony Grano Fellowship Award for 2025. Two recipients will be chosen to travel for one week to Washington, DC to meet with senior staff from USDA, Congressional offices, agricultural trade associations, farm and commodity organizations, and NGO's. Meeting schedules will be personalized to reflect recipient's policy interests. Scholarships of \$1,250 will be awarded.

Eligible applicants will be graduate students in either agricultural economics or economics with an agricultural emphasis in any U.S. university. Ideal candidates are academically competent, highly motivated with an interest in agricultural policy and the policy formulation process.

The application deadline is **Monday, October 14, 2024**.

To apply, please submit the following:

1. Cover letter that expresses interest and includes applicant contact information
2. Short statement on a current agricultural policy issue of applicant's choice (maximum length--2 pages)
3. Current CV
4. A copy of university transcripts
5. Letter of support from department. Department Heads are encouraged to match the funds if their nominee is selected.

Applications should be submitted as a PDF document to Kristen McGuire, AAEA Executive Director (kmcguire@aaea.org)

The Anthony Grano Scholarship is supported by the Anthony Grano Special Purpose Fund of the AAEA Trust. The Fund has been established to provide an opportunity for outstanding agricultural economics students to observe and learn the role of economics in developing agricultural policy. Dr. Grano had a long and productive career with USDA Economic Research Service and was passionate about resource policy analysis. He believed strongly in the policy process and, more importantly, the role of economics in guiding the process. One of his major contributions was the nurturing of young professionals as they began their careers in policy analysis. He emphasized, and demonstrated by his actions, the role of objectivity and the need for integrity in the policy process.

Call for Applications**BOEHLJE AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT FELLOWSHIP**

The AAEA Trust Committee is accepting applications for the 2025 Boehlje Agribusiness Management Fellowship. The purpose of this Fellowship is to provide financial support for graduate students pursuing a PhD with an interest in agribusiness management to continue their education through the PhD in preparation for an academic career in these areas. The goal of the Fellowship is to support the education of graduate students for faculty positions in Departments of Agricultural Economics in the critical area of agribusiness management. The fellowship funding amount is **\$2,500**.

Applicants should submit the following by **Monday, October 14, 2024**:

1. Description of plan of study
2. Description of research interests and/or project
3. Letter of support from advisor and/or Dept. Head
4. Copy of University transcripts
5. Current CV

Applicant Requirements:

- Be a current AAEA member
- Be a member of the AEM Section
- Participate in an AAEA Annual Meeting session or activity (example: case study competition, track session, poster presentation)

Applications should be submitted as a single PDF file to the Kristen McGuire at kmcguire@aaea.org. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Uma Lele AERA India/AAEA Mentorship Program Call for Applications

The AERA along with one representative from AAEA will play a facilitating role in the selection of Indian students/young professionals to participate in the mentorship program. The offer and themes for each year will be published in one of the issues of Agricultural Economics Research Review (AERR) and recommendation of the Association shall be sent to AAEA for Award of the grant. The following criteria were agreed for screening and recommendation of the candidate(s).

- a.) The program shall be open to doctoral and post-doctoral candidates and the maximum age of the candidate should not be more than 35 years
- b.) Masters/PhD degree in agricultural economics/economics with evident contribution to agricultural economics research
- c.) The candidate should give an undertaking to publish at least one research article in a journal of national/international repute as an outcome of the mentorship work
- d.) The candidate will attend the AAEA Annual Meeting
- e.) The candidate will work with an AAEA Member mentor

To apply, scholars should submit the following:

1. Cover letter outlining proposed plan for mentorship, including contact information for the mentor, proposed dates and nature of the research project and collaboration, and outputs expected
2. Recent CV
3. Research proposal outlining the research project that the applicant will work on with his or her mentor (maximum 3 single-spaced pages)
4. Letter of recommendation from the applicant's department head/supervisor stating that the institution supports the applicant's participation

5. Letter of intent to collaborate from the proposed mentor
6. Budget

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Kristen McGuire at kmcguire@aaea.org by **Monday, October 14, 2024**. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship Call for Applications

The Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship provides an opportunity for early career women scholars working on food, agricultural, or resource issues to collaborate with an established expert at another university, institution, or firm.

At least one (1) Fellowship of up to \$2,500 will be awarded for use during the 2025 calendar year. The funding is designed to cover the costs of travel and expenses for the awardee to work directly with the mentor on a specific project. Preference will be given to new mentoring relationships as opposed to continuing an existing one.

The application deadline is **Monday, October 14, 2024**.

To apply, please submit the following:

1. Cover letter outlining proposed plan for mentorship, including contact information for the mentor, proposed dates of collaboration, and outputs expected
2. Current CV for nominee
3. Research proposal outlining the research project that you will work on with your mentor (maximum 3 single-spaced pages)
4. Letter of recommendation
5. Letter of intent to collaborate from the proposed mentor
6. Budget

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Kristen McGuire, at kmcguire@aaea.org. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Call for Applications

McCorkle Scholarship Applications

The AAEA Trust Committee is accepting applications for the 2025 Chester O. McCorkle Jr. Student Scholarship. This scholarship will support applied research by a graduate student on economic issues relating to agriculture. At least one (1) scholarship of up to \$2,000 will be awarded. Funds can be used for research related expenses, data collection, tuition and program related expenses such as fees, books, supplies and equipment, provided the items are required of all students in the program.

Applications are due **Monday, October 14, 2024**.

Applicants should submit:

1. Description of the proposed research (maximum of 5 pages)
2. Itemized budget
3. Letter of support from their major advisor; and
4. Graduate transcript.

Applications should be submitted as a single PDF file to the Kristen McGuire at kmcguire@aaea.org. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award for Women

Call For Applications

The Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Trust is now accepting applications for the Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award for Women. The Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award for Women supports a mentorship relationship between an early career woman agricultural, resource and environmental economist from low income and lower-middle income countries, and a mentor who is a member of the AAEA. A complete list of qualifying countries is available under the headings “Low-income economies” and “Lower-middle-income economies” at: http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups#Low_income.

The purpose of the award is to promote high quality research of a policy/problem solving nature, by fostering research collaboration between the scholar and mentor. Research topics should fall within the mission of the AAEA (www.aaea.org/about-aaea), but preference will be given to topics focusing on countries that are facing food and nutrition insecurity, and/or environmental pressures.

The total amount of the award is up to USD \$5,000. Of this, up to USD \$4,500 will be allocated to the scholar and up to USD 500 to the mentor. The award to the scholar is intended to cover travel, registration, and related costs of the scholar to attend a meeting organized by the AAEA or the ICAE where both the mentor and the scholar can meet. The award may also be used to cover travel costs to the mentor’s work place. The amount allocated to the mentor can be used for travel and other expenses during the fellowship period. The AAEA will waive registration fee for both the scholar and the mentor for the duration of the fellowship. AAEA will also waive annual membership fee for the scholar for the duration of the fellowship.

Women scholars, who are either within one year of obtaining a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Economics, or related field, or within five years of having completed Ph.D. and are citizens of and reside in a low income and lower-middle income country are eligible to apply. Ph.D. students studying in countries that are not considered low-income economies and lower-middle-income economies may also apply, but they must be close to completing their degree and planning to permanently reside in a low-income or a lower-middle-income country by the end of 2025. Mentors can reside in any part of the world, but they must be AAEA members.

To apply, scholars should submit the following:

1. Recent CV

2. Research proposal outlining the research project that the applicant will work on with his or her mentor (maximum 3 single-spaced pages). Applicants are advised to discuss the proposal with a prospective mentor before applying.
3. Letter of recommendation from the applicant's department head/supervisor stating that the institution supports the applicant's participation
4. Name and details of the mentor. If the scholar has not yet decided on a mentor, they may state this and seek input from the selection committee. The selection committee will make every attempt to help identify appropriate mentors but will do so only for the selected applicants.
5. Letter of intent to collaborate from the proposed mentor if the applicant already has a mentor.
6. Budget

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Kristen McGuire at kmcguire@aaea.org by **Monday, October 14, 2024**. If you have any questions, please contact Mary by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award Call For Applications

The Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Trust is now accepting applications for the Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award. The Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award supports a mentorship relationship with a view to promote high quality research of a policy/problem solving nature in countries with food insecurity and environmental pressures. It is meant to promote collaboration between an early career scholar who is a citizen of and resides in a developing country and a distinguished mentor.

The award is intended to cover the costs of travel and expenses for a scholar and mentor to work together on a specific research project in a high priority area for the scholar's country. The maximum fellowship grant will be \$5,000. Up to \$4,500 can be allocated for travel expenses for the scholar to visit the mentor's workplace and/or to meet with the mentor at a professional meeting. Up to \$1,500 can be allocated for mentor travel and other expenses during the fellowship period. Research topics should fall within the mission of the AAEA (www.aaea.org/about-aaea).

Scholars should be professional economists who are citizens of and reside in a developing country. A complete list of qualifying countries is available under the headings "Low-income economies" and "Lower-middle-income economies" at: http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups#Low_income. Scholars should either have completed their terminal degree or will complete it within the year. Students studying in countries that are not considered "low-income economies" and "lower-middle-income economies" may apply, but they must be completing their degree and planning to permanently reside in a "low-income" and "lower-middle-income" country by the end of 2025. Mentors can reside in any part of the world, but each must be an AAEA member.

To apply, scholars should submit the following:

1. Cover letter outlining proposed plan for mentorship, including contact information for the mentor, proposed dates and nature of the research project and collaboration, and outputs expected
2. Recent CV

3. Research proposal outlining the research project that the applicant will work on with his or her mentor (maximum 3 single-spaced pages)
4. Letter of recommendation from the applicant's department head/supervisor stating that the institution supports the applicant's participation
5. Letter of intent to collaborate from the proposed mentor
6. Budget

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Kristen McGuire at kmcguire@aaea.org by **Monday, October 14, 2024**. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Pre- and Post-conference Workshops

Call for Proposals:

The AAEA Executive Board invites proposals for Pre- and Post-conference Workshops at the [2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting](#) in Denver, CO. The deadline for proposals is **December 2**. Selections will be finalized at the AAEA Executive Board meeting in early January and organizers will be notified soon thereafter by the AAEA President.

Submissions will be judged on the merits of the proposal and the space and time available at the Annual Meeting. Organizers will work with the AAEA Business Office to develop a budget for final approval at the January Board meeting.

Proposals should be submitted using the [Pre- and Post-conference Workshop Proposal Form](#) available on the AAEA website, <https://www.aaea.org/meetings>, Title of proposed session and the proposed date and time that the workshop would take place (potential dates include Saturday, July 26, and Wednesday, July 30).

1. Objectives of the workshop, as well as the timeliness of the subject and why the content of the workshop is relevant to AAEA members/meeting attendees
2. Potential speakers, presenters, or panel members, and the total time required for these presentations.
3. Intended audience and expected attendance at the workshop
4. Contact information for organizers in charge of overall development and coordination (complete addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses)
5. Complete budget information, which includes: financial support expected, speaker travel expenses, stipends, and honoraria, catering needs, administrative fees, and other income and costs. Detailed information will be needed, including any catering requests (e.g. boxed lunches, buffet, coffee breaks, etc.), so that a registration fee for the workshop can be determined
6. Any requests for membership and/or registration fee waivers that may be required in order to properly conduct the workshop
7. Any special software or electronic needs, including if the attendees will be required to bring a laptop
8. **If you are requesting funding from the AAEA Trust for the workshop, please visit [this](#) website for proposal submission details. Proposals are due Monday, October 14, 2024.**

Incomplete proposals cannot be considered. Please include as much information as needed when submitting; there is no minimum or maximum length for the proposal.

Submit proposals using the [Pre- and Post-conference Workshop Proposal Form](#) available on the AAEA website, <https://www.aea.org/meetings> by December 2, 2024.

If you have any questions about submitting a proposal, please contact Mary Annen at mannen@aea.org or at (414) 918-3190.

Choices Magazine: Article Highlight

[U.S. Agricultural Trade Challenges Amid Climate and Geopolitical Disruptions](#)

Raghav Goyal, Sandro Steinbach, Yasin Yildirim, and Xiting Zhuang

We discuss the impact of climate events and geopolitical disruptions on U.S. agricultural trade, highlighting the vulnerabilities to droughts and shipping blockades affecting key transport routes like the Mississippi River and the Panama Canal. We stress the need for adaptive strategies to safeguard global market access.

Interested in publishing in Choices? Submit your Individual, Theme, or Data Visualizations [here](#).

2024 AAEA Early Career Professionals Workshop

What: AAEA Early Career Professionals Workshop: Supporting Scholars to Thrive in Applied Economics

Where: Davis, CA

When: December 13, 2024 (6:30 PM Pacific) to December 15, 2024 (2:00 PM Pacific)

Who: Open to pre-tenure or equivalent career stage applied economists with a PhD currently working in US or Canadian universities or organizations who have seven or fewer year of work experience post-PhD (not including time for parental leave, or similar)

Topics to include: Career goals and motivations; being an ethical applied economist; teaching, advising, and mentorship; Extension, outreach, and policy communication; building the field you want to see through service; generating ideas and scholarly projects; funding and carrying out scholarship; publishing and disseminating scholarship; building a mentorship network; and more!

Confirmed speakers include:

- Tim Beatty (University of California, Davis)
- Vincenzina Caputo (Michigan State University)
- Kristin Kiesel (University of California, Davis)
- Saweda Liverpool-Tasie (Michigan State University)
- Valerie Mueller (Arizona State University)
- Rudy Nayga (Texas A&M University)
- Zoë Plakias (Western Washington University)
- Rich Sexton (University of California, Davis)
- Norbert Wilson (Duke University)
- Wendong Zhang (Cornell University)
- David Zilberman (University of California, Berkeley)

This workshop is organized by the AAEA Mentorship Committee. Questions can be directed to outgoing Mentorship Committee chair and lead workshop organizer Dr. Zoë Plakias (plakiaz@wwu.edu).

New Sections

Agricultural Trade and Policy Section (ATP)

The section aims to serve as a platform for empirical and theoretical research and scholarly discussion of agricultural trade and policy globally within both domestic, regional, and international contexts. The Agricultural Trade and Policy section distinguishes itself from other AAEA sections by focusing on agricultural trade and policy rather than international development and value chain marketing. The section aims to advance understanding and knowledge in agricultural trade and policy by promoting high-quality research, supporting evidence-based policymaking, and facilitating informed dialogue among researchers, policymakers, industry stakeholders, and the broader academic community. The scope of the section will include theoretical and empirical studies that employ quantitative methods to analyze various aspects of agricultural trade and policy around the world. This involves trade theory, econometric modeling, statistical analysis, causal inference, and spatial analysis techniques to examine patterns, trends, and relationships in agricultural trade and global value chain flow data. Research within the section may address questions related to market access, foreign market opportunities, competitiveness, trade negotiations, trade disputes, the political economy, and the welfare implications of trade policies for different stakeholders along the agricultural value chain. Furthermore, the section will welcome interdisciplinary research that integrates insights from economics, food safety and nutrition, geography, and other relevant fields to provide a comprehensive understanding of the complexities of agricultural trade and policy. [Learn more>>](#)

Labor Economics Section (LES)

We intend for the Labor Economics section to serve as an academic home for researchers who are primarily concerned with applying modern research methods from the labor economics and human resource management fields to problems in agriculture and the food system more generally. Our hope is that the Section provides a way for AAEA members to share scholarly research on issues of common and mutual interest by organizing periodic meetings, both within the formal AAEA meeting structure (i.e., summer AAEA meetings and winter ASSA meetings) and through workshops sanctioned by the Section. The Labor Economics section distinguishes itself from other AAEA sections by focusing specifically on labor-related issues of interest to agricultural and food-system firms in the US, and other developed economies, rather than household-based problems in less developed countries that are the primary focus of development economists. However, to the extent that immigration and global trade connect labor markets across developed and developing countries, we welcome research and discussion from development economics that has direct implications for labor markets in the agrifood system in developed countries. We also invite participation from transdisciplinary scholars who conduct research that may be relevant to the conduct of labor markets and the management of human resources within food-system firms, including researchers in sociology, psychology, supply chain management, ecology, and other related disciplines. We intend to produce fact-based, policy-relevant research that will be relevant to policymakers charged with enacting and implementing labor-related legislation and rulemaking, along with research that seeks to advance our understanding of methods and concepts in labor economics and human resource management. [Learn more>>](#)

South Asia Section Virtual Webinar: Seasonal Poverty and Internal Migration: A Research Agenda in Bangladesh and Nepal

When: Friday, October 18, 2024

Time: 2:00–3:15pm Central Time

Organizer: Modhurima Dey Amin, *Texas Tech University*

Speaker: Dr. Mushfiq Mobarak, *Yale University*

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

This virtual session hosted by AAEA's SAS Section will outline a research agenda and open questions around the causes and consequences of internal (within-country) migration, as well as the opportunities and impediments associated with such movements. Much of that movement is seasonal and circular, in response to seasonal deprivation during pre-harvest lean periods.

Dr. Mushfiq Mobarak from Yale University will join to discuss the details of a research paper titled “Remittance Constraints and Seasonal Poverty.” Rural households send migrants to mitigate seasonal deprivation, but remittances don't always arrive in time. We observe a counter-intuitive pattern in Nepal where remittances are low when rural residents are food insecure, and migrants return with remittances later during harvest. To overcome this apparent remittance constraint indirectly, we provide a \$90 loan to randomly-selected rural households during the pre-harvest lean season. Harvest period remittances increase in loan-recipient households, and 89% of the loan principal is repaid. Food security improves, and those households increase fertilizer use and own-farm labor. That increases their rice harvest, revenues, and subjective well-being. In a two-period model of household decision-making, we show that remittance frictions are necessary to qualitatively match our experimental results.

We look forward to seeing you there!

AAEA's South Asia Section

AJAE Editorship Applications***Call for Applications***

Editorship appointments for the American Journal of Agricultural Economics are staggered such that two new appointments are made every two years. The AAEA Board now seeks a diverse group of applicants at the full professor level (or equivalent) by the start of the appointment for two co-editors to be appointed to replace current co-editors Jesse Tack and Rudy Nayga for a four-year term beginning in January 2026. Each co-editor handles approximately one-fourth of the submitted manuscripts and makes independent editorial decisions on these submissions. The degree to which candidate's expertise complements that of continuing editors Nicholas Magnan and Christian Langpap will be considered in the selection process.

In addition, editors share the administrative responsibilities of managing the AJAE. Each editor should plan to dedicate up to 25 percent of his/her time to AJAE editorial duties. AAEA will provide financial assistance to defray some portion of the editors' time and most expenses.



Transition Timing

The AAEA Board will make final selections by early 2025. The new editors should be prepared to begin the transition process at the 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in Denver, CO, July 27–29, 2025 and expect to be fully engaged in editorial duties by January 1, 2026. Interested candidates can consult the journal website for information on the journal at <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/14678276>.

Please note that all editors need to maintain their AAEA membership throughout their service to the journal.

Applications

Applications should include:

- a brief statement expressing interest which should include applicant's areas of expertise and editorial philosophy for the AJAE,
- curriculum vitae (including descriptions of previous editorial work),
- statements of administrative support from the candidate's department chair, dean or other appropriate administrative officer.

Applications should be sent electronically via PDF to Kristen McGuire, Executive Director, at kmcguire@aea.org by **November 29, 2024**. Nominations of potentially interested candidates who can then be solicited for their materials are also welcome.

AERE Fall Workshop

Online via Zoom • October 24 and 25, 2024 • 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET

Join AERE and the [Agricultural and Applied Economics Association \(AAEA\)](#) for an engaging and insightful virtual workshop dedicated to bridging the gap between economic research and policy implementation. This two-day event is designed to provide environmental and resource economists with actionable insights and strategies for influencing policy decisions.

Why Attend?

Gain Insight From Federal Experts: Learn directly from experienced panelists representing key federal agencies about the latest research trends and policy needs.

Practical Tools and Strategies: Gain practical knowledge on engaging effectively in policy conversations, securing research funding, and developing cutting-edge methodologies.

Collaborative Opportunities: Identify potential collaborations and partnerships with federal agencies to enhance the relevance and impact of your research.

Focused Sessions on Critical Issues: Benefit from focused discussions on emerging areas, resource allocation, methodological advancements, and inter-agency collaborations, particularly on pressing issues like water quality.

View the Agenda here: <https://www.aere.org/assets/2024Fall/AERE%20-%20Fall%20Virtual%20Workshop%20%282024%29%20-%20Agenda.pdf>

This workshop is free to attend. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your research's policy impact and connect with key policymakers.

[Register now to secure your spot!](https://aere.memberclicks.net/2024virtualfallworkshop#!/) <https://aere.memberclicks.net/2024virtualfallworkshop#!/>

If you have a question about an upcoming AERE workshop, please contact info@aere.org. Learn more about our past Fall Workshops [here](#).

Government Relations & Washington Update

October 2024

Congress Passes Continuing Resolution, Avoids Shutdown

On September 26th, President Biden signed a short-term continuing resolution to avoid a government shutdown and provide funding through December 20th. The bill resolution received bipartisan support in both chambers of Congress, passing the House 341–82 and Senate 78–18. Speaker Johnson had previously attempted to pass a resolution that would have funded the government into March 2025 and included a policy rider addressing non-citizen voting. When it became clear that the measure didn't have sufficient support, he pivoted to a "clean" resolution that was consistent with the approach advanced in the Senate. This sets the stage for another potential shutdown just before the holidays with the results of the November election likely impacting how Congress moves forward with completing fiscal year 2025 appropriations.

Agriculture Committee Leaders Search for Path Forward on Farm Bill

As Congress continues work towards passing a new farm bill, the "four corners" of agriculture committee leadership are meeting to discuss potential pathways to move legislation this year. House Agriculture Committee Chair Glenn "G.T." Thompson (R–Pa.) Thompson, House Agriculture Committee ranking member David Scott (D–Ga.), Senate Agriculture Committee Chair Debbie Stabenow (D–Mich.), and Senate Agriculture Committee ranking member John Boozman (R–Ark.), have all recently made statements about the importance of completing a new Farm Bill. However, significant challenges remain on critical issues including nutrition and conservation funding and policy. While the current extension of the 2018 Farm Bill expires on September 30th, the majority of impacts would not be felt until the new crop year in 2025. Timing is very tight, with only a small window of time during the "lame duck" session after the election to finish legislation this year. Should Congress not be able to complete a new bill by the end of the calendar year, another short-term extension will be likely. Pressure continues to mount from stakeholders across the agricultural sector who are pushing for a comprehensive five-year package rather than temporary stopgap measures.

2024 Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics (RIDGE) Conference

The Economic Research Service (ERS), along with Tufts University, University of Connecticut and University of Missouri are sponsoring the [2024 RIDGE Conference](#) on October 7. The event will feature new economic research aimed at enhancing food security and dietary quality for low-income Americans. Both new and established investigators who were [2023 RIDGE grantees](#) will present on topics such as: the effect of SNAP

benefit distribution on subjective well-being; maternal WIC participation during pregnancy and gestational weight gain; pandemic-EBT benefits and dietary quality; and others. An [agenda](#) with all sessions, participants, and presentation topics is available.

There are both in-person and virtual options for attending the RIDGE conference. The conference will be held at the USDA, Food and Nutrition Service building located at 1320 Braddock Pl, Alexandria, VA 22314 from 8 am – 4 pm ET via in-person and online. Attendance is free, but advance registration is required for both in-person and online participants. Please use this [Google registration form](#). For in-person participants who are not USDA employees, this form includes a field asking you to upload this [USDA building entry form](#). If you are not a USDA employee, you must fill out this building entry form to attend the conference in person.

NIFA Invests \$10.3M in Research about the Economics of Markets and Trade (A1641)

USDA-NIFA has recently announced \$10.3 million in grants under the A1641 [Economics, Markets and Trade](#) program area priority within the [Agriculture Economics and Rural Communities \(AERC\)](#) program. The program area supports research on development of theories, methods and applications of agricultural economics. Economics, Markets and Trade supports funding for research within agricultural economics including agricultural markets, international trade, farm labor, consumer behavior and nutrition, food retail, agricultural production and processing, and agricultural policy.

Save the Date for USDA's Agricultural Outlook Forum

USDA has announced the dates for the 2025 Agricultural Outlook Forum. The event will be held February 27–28 both virtually and in-person at the Crystal City Marriott in Arlington, VA. More information on the USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum can be found [HERE](#).



Other News

Gund Institute for Environment Funded PhD Opportunities

The Gund Institute for Environment at the University of Vermont (UVM) seeks exceptional PhD applicants to conduct interdisciplinary research on global environmental challenges beginning in fall 2025. Applications are due January 5, 2025.

The Gund Institute is a research center dedicated to understanding and tackling the world's most critical environmental challenges, where over 250 faculty, global affiliates, postdocs, and graduate students collaborate widely to understand interactions among ecological, social, and economic systems.

Driven by the belief that research should inspire action, we explore environmental issues at the interface of five pressing research themes—climate solutions, health and well-being, sustainable agriculture, resilient communities, and equity and justice—in partnership with government, industry, and broader society.

We are committed to ensuring an inclusive environment where diverse voices and perspectives are active and welcome. We encourage applicants who bring diverse perspectives to our community.

Students will receive up to four years of funding, including an annual stipend of \$35,000, plus tuition. All students are eligible for health insurance and additional funds for conference travel and research costs.

For more details and application instructions, explore uvm.edu/gund/gund-phd-research-fellowships.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Julianna White at julianna.m.white@uvm.edu

Call for paper proposals

The NCCC-134 Multi-state Research Coordinating Committee on Applied Commodity Price Analysis, Forecasting, and Market Risk Management invites paper proposals for presentation at its upcoming conference to be held April 14-15, 2025 in Chicago, Illinois. We are excited to bring this conference back to Chicago, a hub of global commodities trading, for the first time since 2007.

We encourage paper proposals on all aspects of commodity price analysis and risk management, especially those related to agricultural commodities and agribusiness risk management. Proposed papers should emphasize applied research. The deadline for submissions is November 22, 2024. The Committee will notify all submitting authors of their decision by January 2025. One author must be registered for the meeting by February 1, 2025. Completed papers are due on June 1, 2025 for posting in the NCCC-134 paper archive.

Full instructions on how to submit a proposal, including format and a sample proposal, plus other information about the 2025 conference can be found on the [updated NCCC-134 website](#). Venue and hotel details will be posted soon. Questions about paper proposal submissions can be directed to NCCC-134 co-chair [Andres Trujillo-Barrera](#). Questions about meeting logistics can be directed to NCCC-134 co-chair [Joe Janzen](#).

Please share this call widely and encourage your colleagues, collaborators, and graduate students to submit and attend the conference. More information on how to connect with NCCC-134 can be found on our [website](#).

See you in Chicago in 2025!

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