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The Council Caller

The Council on Food, Agricultural, and Resource Economics (C-FARE) is a non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening the application of economics to food, agricultural, and resource issues at the national level. "The Council Caller" is a monthly e-newsletter provided by C-FARE with informational updates for agricultural and applied economists.

Research and Grant Information

International Science and Education

The International Science and Education competitive grants program supports research, extension, and teaching activities that will enhance the capabilities of American colleges and universities to conduct international collaborative research, extension and teaching. Application deadline is January 16, 2009. For more details please visit: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/educationinternationalscience.cfm>.

USDA CSREES Higher Education Challenge Grants

Projects supported by the Higher Education Challenge Grants Program will: (1) address a State, regional, national, or international educational need; (2) involve a creative or non-traditional approach toward addressing that need that can serve as a model to others; (3) encourage and facilitate better working relationships in the university science and education community, as well as between universities and the private sector; and (4) result in benefits that will likely transcend the project duration and USDA support. Application deadline is June 30, 2009. For more details visit: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/educationchallengehigheredhep.cfm>.

NIH Director's New Innovator Award Program

The NIH Director's New Innovator Awards Program was created to support a small number of new investigators of exceptional creativity who propose bold and highly innovative new research approaches that have the potential to produce a major impact on broad, important problems in biomedical and behavioral research. Pre-applications are a necessary first step. Application deadline is January 15, 2009. For additional information visit: <http://nihroadmap.nih.gov/newinnovator/faq.aspx> or the announcement at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-09-013.html>.

2009 NIH Director's Pioneer Award Program

The NIH Director's Pioneer Award Program supports individual scientists who propose pioneering and possibly transformative approaches to addressing major biomedical or behavioral challenges. Deadline is December 17, 2008. For details visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-09-012.html>.

NSF Behavioral Systems

The Behavioral Systems Cluster supports research on the development, function, mechanisms, and evolutionary history of behavior. Deadline is January 12, 2009. For details visit: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=501086.

National Institutes of Health Academic Research Enhancement Award

The purpose of the Academic Research Enhancement Award program is to stimulate research in educational institutions that provide baccalaureate or advanced degrees for a significant number of the Nation's research scientists, but that have not been major recipients of NIH support. These AREA grants create opportunities for scientists and institutions otherwise unlikely to participate extensively in NIH programs, to contribute to the Nation's biomedical and behavioral research effort. Application deadline is May 7, 2009. For more details please visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-042.html>.

CSREES International Science and Education Grants Program

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Strategic Agricultural Initiative

EPA Region 2 is soliciting applications to help implement the Food Quality Protection Act and to support efforts by the agricultural community to "transition" away from high risk pesticides to the use of less and reduced risk pesticides, alternative methods of agricultural pest control, and sustainable practices in food production. The program supports grants for education, extension, demonstration, and studies for FQPA transition and reduced risk practices for pest management in agriculture. Application deadline is December 11, 2008. For details visit: <http://epa.gov/region02/pesticides/>.

NIH Roadmap Transformative Program

As part of the NIH Roadmap for Biomedical Research, they invite transformative Research Project Grant applications from organizations proposing exceptionally innovative, high risk, original and/or unconventional research with the potential to create new or challenge existing scientific paradigms. Deadline is January 29, 2009. For details visit: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-08-029.html>.

Fellowships for Undergraduate Environmental Study

EPA as part of its Greater Research Opportunities program is offering undergraduate fellowships for bachelor level students in environmental fields of study. The deadline for receipt of pre-applications is December 11, 2008. For more details visit: http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2009/2009_gro_undergrad.html.

Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet

EPA is seeking applications proposing to research, develop, and design solutions to real world challenges involving the overall sustainability of human society. Please see the P3 website <http://www.epa.gov/P3> for more details about this program. Application deadline is December 23, 2008.

Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers

The purpose of OASDFR is to deliver outreach and technical assistance to assure opportunities for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers to successfully acquire, own, operate, and retain farms and ranches; and assure equitable participation in USDA programs. Deadline is December 12, 2008. For details visit: <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/outreachassistancesociallydisadvantagedfarmersranchers.cfm>.

NSF Waterman Award

NSF is accepting nominations for the 2009 Alan T. Waterman Award. Nominees are accepted from any field of science or engineering that NSF supports. For details please visit <https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/honawards/>. Nomination packages are due by December 5, 2008.

Clinton Global Initiative University Invites Student Applications

The Clinton Global Initiative, a nonpartisan initiative of the William J. Clinton Foundation, is accepting student applications for the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U) 2009 meeting. Deadline is December 12, 2008. For details visit: <http://www.clintonglobalinitiative.org/>.

Design of Policies for Pollution Control Using Market Mechanisms

The EPA's National Center for Environmental Economics is soliciting proposals for Federal assistance for (1) conducting research on the "Design of Policies for Pollution Control Using Market Mechanisms" and for (2) research support for "Data Gathering for Dissertation and Early Career Research on the Pollution Control Aspects of Environmental Economics." For more details please visit: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/ee/epa/eed.nsf/Webpages/GrantSolicitations.html>

Risk Management Education Program

The Risk Management Education program is a nationwide program that promotes the empowerment and strengthening of the skills of individuals who are involved in the management of agricultural production, marketing, financial, legal and human resources risks. The program, administered through four regions, provides competitive grants to educators. The RME focuses on providing educational grants involving educators and others in an interdisciplinary approach. The site: <http://www.agrisk.umn.edu> offers tips on how to write successful proposals, print and electronic publications, success stories, calendar of events and contacts. Contact J.S. Hipp, national program leader for Economic and Community Systems, for more information. 202-720-3605; jhipp@csrees.usda.gov.

FANRP 2008 Awards

FANRP's Competitive Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program made awards in fiscal 2008 to fund research on food choices: economic determinants and consequences; economic incentives in food assistance programs; and food assistance as an economic safety net. For details please visit:

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/Briefing/FoodNutritionAssistance/Funding/Awards2008.htm>.

Publications and Papers

National Academies Report 21st Century Systems Agriculture

To review information from the National Academies Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources report "21st Century Systems Agriculture: An Update of the 1989 NRC Report "Alternative Agriculture" we encourage you to visit this website:

<http://www8.nationalacademies.org/cp/ProjectView.aspx?key=BANR-O-06-05-A>.

National Academies Report Impact of Biotechnology on Farm Economics

To review the National Academies Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources report "The Impact of Biotechnology on Farm Economics and Sustainability" visit:

<http://www8.nationalacademies.org/cp/ProjectView.aspx?key=BANR-O-06-10-A>

FY 2009 Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Conference

The annual Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Conference identifies emerging research issues related to domestic food assistance and nutrition programs administered by USDA. The conference will be held on December 4, 2008 at USDA's ERS. For more information visit:

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/ConferenceCenter/FANRP/FANRPDec2008/>.

Amber Waves, November 2008

Amber Waves presents the broad scope of ERS's research and analysis. The magazine covers the economics of agriculture, food and nutrition, the food industry, trade, rural America, and farm-related environmental topics. For details visit:

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/AmberWaves/November08/>.

Gender in Agriculture Sourcebook

The World Bank launched the Gender in Agriculture Sourcebook, the product of a three-year collaborative effort with the UN Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). For information visit:

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/NEWS/0,,contentMDK:21932136~pagePK:34370~piPK:34424~theSitePK:4607,00.html>.

2008 Rural America at a Glance

Rural America At A Glance, 2008 Edition highlights the most recent indicators of social and economic conditions in rural areas for use in developing policies and programs to assist rural areas. For more information please visit:

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/EIB40/>.

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Workshops and Meetings

USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum

The USDA announced the plenary panelists for its 85th annual Agricultural Outlook Forum, "Global Agriculture & Rural America in Transition," February 26-27, 2009, to be held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Arlington, VA. For more details please visit: <http://www.usda.gov/oce/forum/>.

Other News

Winter Internship Program at the World Bank

The Winter Internship Program is open to students who are nationals of World Bank member countries. The goal is to offer an opportunity to work in an international environment. Candidates must possess an undergraduate degree and already be enrolled in a full-time graduate study program. For details visit: http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTHRJOBS/0,,contentMDK:20515785-isCURL:Y~menuPK:64262360~pagePK:64262408~piPK:64262191~theSitePK:1058433,00.html?cid=ISG_E_WBWeeklyUpdate_NL.

USDA CSREES ECS Unit IPA Opportunity

The Economic and Community Systems Unit within CSREES has available an opportunity for a person specializing in the development of economic systems/models to address evolving challenges in natural resource economics, and food marketing and distribution, because of the impacts of globalization, energy crisis and climate change. CSREES will support one-half of the faculty member's salary/benefits and living expenses in the Washington, D.C. area. For information contact: Franklin E. Boteler (fboteler@csrees.usda.gov), JH Bahn (hbahn@csrees.usda.gov), or Fen Hunt (fhunt@csrees.usda.gov).

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

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