



## AAEA News

### August 2020

As I step into the role of President of AAEA, it is exciting to consider all the important conversations and issues I get to be a part of as our association, members, fields of study, employers and broader community react and respond to the changes we all faced this past few months. Although I welcome the chance to be involved with as many of these discussions as I can, I was excited that so many of you said “YES” when I asked if you would take on new committee, leadership and connecting roles in the coming year to serve our association’s mission. Thanks to so many of you for your new (and continued) service....

In my Presidential Address, I talked about rebalancing our portfolio and many of the initiatives the Board (and I) have chosen to invest in this year will be listening, collecting data and information on and committing to a new mix of activities, programs and partnerships to better position AAEA as an inclusive and engaged professional keystone organization for our members.

There are many exciting changes to highlight as we enter into the coming year of AAEA programming.

- 1) We hit the 3000 member mark early in 2020 (our strongest set of numbers in recent years), and over 1300 of you joined us for part of our virtual conference in August.
  - a. We had over 30,000 presentation views or 377 selected paper presentations and 212 posters
  - b. In addition to recorded presentations we offered 14 hours of live plenary sessions, we had between 750 and 1300 members join (or watch) these sessions.
  - c. The meetings continue!! There are sections leading sessions through October, and it is a great way to stay connected to your peers. See the remaining schedule of events at: <https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2020-aaea-annual-meeting/events/workshops--other-events>
  - d. Although we hope to see everyone in person in Austin in August 2021, we likely will explore having some virtual events since it is clear that this year’s format allowed for broader and extended connections among our members.
- 2) The Health economics section was added to our list of Sections this year
  - a. AAEA is now 25 sections strong as an organization with membership ranging from 25 to 319 members
  - b. These sections were pivotal to transitioning our 2020 meetings to online, and worked to reschedule, organize and promote sessions that were offered online from July-September of 2020 (and likely expanded the reach of our programs to a larger set of members and collaborators). Thank you section leadership!!!
- 3) The AAEA Board continues to refine its strategic plan for 2020 and beyond. We have added a broader set of focus areas for our plan, and in addition, a small group of the Executive committee is refining language to integrate language that reflects are elevated attention to diversity and inclusion throughout this plan. AAEA’s strategic vision focuses on five areas:
  - Culture of Engagement
  - Mentoring Programs
  - Communicating through Media Relations & Government Relations
  - Financial Viability
  - External Relationships

In my next column, I will share more details on the Diversity and Inclusion initiatives being framed, expanded and refined during the coming year.

**Dawn Thilmany**  
**AAEA President**

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### **View all of the 2020 Virtual Meeting Plenary Sessions on the AAEA YouTube Channel**

- [2020 Fellows Address](#)
  - [2020 Galbraith Forum](#)
  - [2020 Gordon Rausser Keynote Address](#)
  - [2020 Presidential Address](#)
  - [2020 AAEA Awards and Fellows Recognition Ceremony](#)
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### **Upcoming Organized Symposiums & Workshops**

Read more about the Organized Symposiums [here](#) and Workshops by clicking [here](#)

Register for an Organized Symposium or Workshop by clicking on the Title.

- September 2 at 12:00 pm (CDT) – [Hemponomics: What Does the Dismal Science Have to Say About the Emerging Trends in the US Hemp Market?](#)
  - September 10 at 10:00 am (CDT) – [Specialty Crops under Siege](#)
  - September 18 at 10:00 am (CDT) – [Measuring the Retail Food Environment and Analyzing Its Effects on Consumers](#)
  - September 30 at 1:00 pm (CDT) – [How can regional and rural development economists be more effective about informing public policy? A panel discussion](#)
  - October 26 at 7:30 am – 2:00 pm (CDT) – [Handbook of Agricultural Economics](#)
  - October 29 at 7:30 am – 2:00 pm (CDT) – [Handbook of Agricultural Economics Session 2](#)
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### **Call for Nominations**

#### ***AAEA President-Elect and Directors***

The AAEA Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations from AAEA membership for AAEA President-Elect and two AAEA Directors, all for three year terms beginning July 2021.

Please submit the names and affiliations of nominees to [kmcquire@aea.org](mailto:kmcquire@aea.org). Nominations must be received by October 2, 2020.

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### ***Call for Nominations***

#### **2021 Fellows Award Nominations**

The AAEA Fellows Selection Committee is inviting nominations for the 2021 AAEA Fellows Awards. The deadline for submission of nominations and supporting biographical documentation is **Wednesday, October 7, 2020**. Selection is based mainly on a continuous contribution to the advancement of agricultural or applied economics as defined by the Vision Statement of the AAEA. Achievements may be in research, teaching, extension, administration, or business. The nominee must be a living current member of AAEA and have been a member for at least five years.

Please follow these guidelines to submit Fellows nominations (non-complying materials will be returned). The nomination package should focus on documentation of the case for the nominee's contributions rising to a level that warrants recognition as a Fellow. "Continuous contribution" means exceptional service over a period

of years. Such exceptional service may be demonstrated by: research discoveries published in major professional journals; leadership in the development of extension programs extensively utilized by other professionals; the development of undergraduate or graduate programs of learning that have become nationally recognized professionally and by students who have, in turn, demonstrated success as a result of these teaching programs; contributions to advance diversity, equity and inclusion objectives in the broader profession through for example, teaching, research collaboration, professional leadership, or outreach to, engagement with, and mentoring of individuals from underrepresented groups; or outstanding performance in government, business, or NGOs. As a general principle, continuous service means more than a single act that might be rewarded by an outstanding journal article, extension, or teaching award. The documentation for the nominee provided should make clear the impact of the individual nominated in the areas of achievement to which the nominee has contributed. This evidence could include, but is not limited to, reference to publications, awards, honors, reports, testimonials to notable tasks undertaken and outcomes achieved, or other contributions to the profession.

Members of the Fellows Selection Committee and AAEA Executive Committee (President–Elect, President, or Past President) may not nominate or provide support statements for nominees. Nomination packages that include support statements from a member of the Fellows Selection Committee and/or the AAEA Executive Committee will be sent back to the nominator for revisions.

Testimonial letters or vitae are not required. The total nomination package should be limited to a maximum of eight typed pages using 12–point font and with margins of at least one inch on all four sides. All material must be double–spaced. Please include the name, institution, and contact information of all of the nominators within the eight page package. Nominations should be submitted as a single PDF file to Kristen McGuire at [kmcguire@aaea.org](mailto:kmcguire@aaea.org). Please contact Kristen if you have any questions.

The 2021 Fellows Recognition Ceremony will be held as part of the 2021 AAEA Annual Meeting in Austin, TX. Information on previous AAEA Fellows and the procedures used to select Fellows is available on the [AAEA Fellows page](#).

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### **2021 AAEA Mentoring Research Workshop**

***Rescheduled dates: May 26-28, 2021***

**Chicago, IL with a Registration Fee: \$40**

All previously submitted applications will be held for the new May dates. We will also accept additional applications.

The objective of this workshop is mentor junior faculty (less than 5 years) to transition to agricultural and applied economic departments by providing an orientation to expectations for research, teaching and outreach, and to develop effective strategies for success. The workshop will focus on constructively criticizing research in progress. Mentoring will include networking, information about the profession, and discussion of current research trends and topic areas.

Mentees will be divided into small groups assigned to one or more mentors. Small group sessions will involve short research presentation by each mentee followed by feedback on their research by the group.

To apply for this workshop, submit a 250–word description of motivations for participating and desires for learning outcomes via email to [mannen@aaea.org](mailto:mannen@aaea.org). If you have any questions, contact Mary Annen.

All events will take place at:  
[University Club of Chicago](#)  
76 East Monroe Street  
Chicago, IL 60603

The Hotel Room Block has been secured at:  
**The Palmer House a Hilton Hotel**  
17 East Monroe Street  
Chicago, IL 60603

*Reservation link coming soon*

Or call reservations at (877) 865-5321 and refer to group code: AAEA

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### **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,
- reach out 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 Keith Coble at [coble@agecon.msstate.edu](mailto:coble@agecon.msstate.edu) if you would like to discuss your proposal ideas before submission.

Proposal submissions should include:

1. A cover sheet with name of 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, scope, implementation procedures, the individuals responsible for management of the project, 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 should be submitted as a single PDF file by **Thursday, October 15, 2020**, 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 2021 Board Meeting.

Proposals should be submitted to Kristen McGuire, AAEA Executive Director, via e-mail at [kmcguire@aaea.org](mailto:kmcguire@aaea.org). If you have any questions, please contact Kristen or Keith.

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**Call for Applications****Anthony Grano Fellowship Applications**

The AAEA Trust is now accepting applications for the Anthony Grano Scholarship Award. Two scholarships of \$1,250 will be awarded to academically successful, highly motivated students in agricultural economics or a closely related discipline with an interest in agricultural policy and the policy formation process. The scholarship will support recipients to travel to Washington, DC to meet with senior staff from USDA, Congressional offices, and agricultural trade associations and commodity organizations.

Eligible applicants will be graduate students in either agricultural economics or economics with an agricultural emphasis in any U.S. university.

The application deadline is **Thursday, October 15, 2020**.

To apply, please submit the following:

1. Cover letter that expresses interest and includes applicant contact information
2. Essay on a current agricultural policy issue (2–5 pages)
3. Recent CV
4. A copy of university transcripts
5. Letter of recommendation from department head. Department Head must be willing to match the funds if their nominee is selected

Applications should be submitted in a single space, 12 Font Size, 1” margins, and PDF format to Kristen McGuire, AAEA Executive Director, at [kmcguire@aaea.org](mailto:kmcguire@aaea.org). Failure to provide any of the required components of the application package will result in its rejection.

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**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](mailto:kmcguire@aaea.org) by **Thursday, October 15, 2020**. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

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### **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 2021 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 **Thursday, October 15, 2020**.

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](mailto:kmcguire@aaea.org). If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

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### **Call for Applications**

#### **McCorkle Scholarship Applications**

The AAEA Trust Committee is accepting applications for the 2021 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 **Thursday, October 15, 2020**.

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](mailto:kmcguire@aaea.org). If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

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### **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](http://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](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 2021. 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
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### ***Call for Applications***

#### **Editorship of the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics***

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 for two editors to be appointed for a four-year term, beginning in January 2022. Each 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 the continuing editors, Amy Ando and Marc Bellemare, will be considered in the selection process.

In addition, editors share the administrative responsibilities of managing the AJAE. Each editor should plan to dedicate 25 to 40 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 2021. The new editors should be prepared to begin the transition process at the 2021 AAEA Annual Meeting in Austin, TX, August 1-3, 2021 and expect to be fully engaged in editorial duties by January 1, 2022. 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@aaea.org](mailto:kmcguire@aaea.org) by November 30, 2020. Nominations of potentially interested candidates who can then be solicited for their materials are also welcome.

## Other News

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### **Director of Government Relations**

Washington, DC

The Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) is seeking an experienced professional or firm to represent our organization in government relations. AAEA Government Relations activities cover four broad areas: 1) information gathering and advocacy of the interests of AAEA members, 2) coalition building to



advance long-term advocacy positions, 3) planning of strategic initiatives of long-term value to AAEA, and 4) educating AAEA members in government relations. This document summarizes planned activities during 2020 and beyond in each of these areas. The position will report to the AAEA Executive Committee as well as the AAEA Committee on Government Relations. The position is based in Washington, DC.

Responsibilities include:

- **Lead AAEA's Government Relations.** Identify opportunities and threats during the budget and appropriations process for the purpose of advocating for the profession. Work with AAEA leadership and our Government Relations Committee, to define and implement AAEA's advocacy strategy for engaging bipartisan policymakers in Congress and the Administration around the need for a strong, effective, and well-resourced agricultural and applied economics profession via investments in the USDA REE Mission Area, NSF, EPA, NOAA, and U.S. statistical agencies. Lead and facilitate regular planning and collaboration through regular reporting, conference calls, and strategy meetings.
- **Plan AAEA Government Relations Activities and Represent AAEA.** Advocacy and engagement strategies include direct lobbying, Capitol Hill events and lobby days, indistrict events and meetings, and national coalition mobilizations. Serve as the AAEA's primary representative on Capitol Hill, responsible for building strong and extensive relationships with bipartisan Members of Congress and Congressional staff. Represent AAEA at public and private events in Washington, DC.
- **Maintain Coalitions to Support Investments in Data, Research, and Programs to Support the Agricultural and Applied Economics Profession Broadly.** Coalitions represent effective means both to gather information and to advocate for policy positions where needed. Coalitions are especially important for relatively small professional societies like the AAEA. Given its focus on research, education, and outreach in AAE, the AAEA's natural coalition partners are universities, research organizations, and peer professional societies.
- **Coordinate** Capitol Hill events, briefings, and at least one congressional visits day per year. Schedule visits for, advise on talking points and timing for, and train members of the profession to participate in Washington, DC-based events involving Members of Congress and the U.S. Administration.

Position Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree required.
- Minimum of 5 years of direct experience in government relations or of relevant experience in or in collaboration with the Federal executive or legislative branches that would enable the candidate to be an effective representative of the Association before key government decision-makers and with other interested associations and groups.
- In-depth knowledge of Capitol Hill, including an understanding of the federal budget and appropriations process.
- Ability to think strategically and create and execute multi-faceted advocacy strategies.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills and exceptional attention to detail.
- Confident and articulate speaker who is comfortable presenting before large audiences.
- Demonstrated ability to set priorities, meet deadlines, and work under pressure in a teambased environment.
- Limited travel is expected.

To Apply:

Please email a cover letter and resume to [kmcguire@aaea.org](mailto:kmcguire@aaea.org). Please reference "AAEA Director of Government Relations" in the subject line. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted. No calls please.

Deadline to Apply:  
Thursday, October 1, 2020

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### **WEBINAR - SNAP + Food Assistance in a Time of Covid-19**

12:00 p.m. EDT Monday, Aug. 31

[REGISTER HERE](#)

An unprecedented [6 to 7 million additional people](#) have been approved for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits since the effects of Covid-19 began in the U.S. The [Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#) gave the USDA authority to ease state requirements for compliance, and for “Pandemic EBT” — extra food benefits (by electronic transfer) for any child who would normally get free or reduced-price meals at school. Has the effort been timely and adequate? What hurdles remain?

The Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE) will host [a free webinar at 12 p.m. EDT Monday, Aug. 31](#) to discuss SNAP and food assistance during Covid-19. C-FARE board member [Sean Cash](#), the Bergstrom Foundation Professor at the [Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy](#) at [Tufts University](#), will moderate the 45-minute discussion. He will be joined by three expert panelists.

[George Davis](#) is a professor at [Virginia Tech](#) who studies food demand and health outcomes with a focus on understanding the interaction of nutrition policies and time allocation in affecting nutrient intake and diet quality. He teaches in the [Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics](#) and the [Department of Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise](#).

[Shewana Hairston McSwain](#) provides leadership in programming for limited-income audiences as the [Expanded Food and Nutrition Outreach Coordinator](#) at [North Carolina A&T State University](#). She has led efforts to empower families striving to improve their standard of living for more than 13 years.

[Parke Wilde](#) is a professor at the Friedman School at Tufts University where he focuses on U.S. food and nutrition policy, and federal food assistance. He authored the textbook [Food Policy in the United States: An Introduction](#) (Routledge, 2nd Ed, 2018), and writes at [U.S. Food Policy](#).

The webinar will conclude with questions from attendees. Those who register but cannot attend a C-FARE webinar can view a recording of it later at the council’s [YouTube channel](#).

This free program is made possible with the support of the [Agricultural and Applied Economics Association](#) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s [Economic Research Service](#) and [National Agricultural Statistics Service](#).

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### **Food Distribution Research Society Annual Conference 2020 Call for Research Reports, Updates and Outreach Writing**

*Deadline extended to August 31, 2020*

The Food Distribution Research Society invites submissions of Research Reports, Research Updates, and Outreach Writing for the 2020 Annual Conference. Work related to any food distribution area from the farm gate through retail to the consumer may be submitted.

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual meeting will be conducted virtually via Zoom. Concurrent sessions will be held on Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We will meet in Dallas, TX in 2021.*

**Research Reports** are scholarly papers focusing on the results of research efforts. Reports will be evaluated and accepted based on one-page abstracts that describe the research and its relevance to food distribution issues. *Presentations of research reports are limited to 12 minutes each, with 3 minutes for Q&A.*

**Research Updates** are synopses of research or educational work either (1) recently completed, (2) in progress, or (3) to be undertaken within the next year. To give an update, submit a maximum one-page description of the update. *Presentations of updates will be limited to 8 minutes each, with 3 minutes for Q&A.*

**Outreach Writing** is a relatively new category for the conference. We seek to recognize the types of technical communication of food industry issues that are key to the Extension/Industry Outreach work done by FDRS founders and that are central to many members' work today. Some refer to these articles as "industry outlook" or they may comprise content that may be contributed to publications such as *Choices*, i.e., content that communicate food supply chain and marketing issues to a non-academic audience. Submissions will consist of the actual article and the submission form. *Authors will have 8 minutes to present a summary of the article's key points and how it was used in outreach/Extension efforts.*

ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST USE THE SUBMISSION FORM.

Email submissions to Lurleen Walters, at [FDRSVPresearch@gmail.com](mailto:FDRSVPresearch@gmail.com), by August 31, 2020.

Authors will be notified of acceptance by September 7, 2020. Presenters must be registered for the conference. Given the virtual format this year, registration fees will be considerably lower. As information is available, it will be posted under "Conferences" at the FDRS website <http://www.fdrsinc.org>.

Please address any questions & correspondence regarding research submissions to Research VP Lurleen Walters at the email: [FDRSVPresearch@gmail.com](mailto:FDRSVPresearch@gmail.com)

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### **Harvard Fellowship Call**

Harvard is now accepting applications for the Radcliffe Fellowship for the period of September 2022–May 2022, and to seek your aid in sharing our [online application](#) with the members of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association.

Radcliffe fellows are exceptional scientists, writers, scholars, public intellectuals, and artists whose work is making a difference in their professional fields and in the larger world.

Based in Radcliffe Yard—a sanctuary in the heart of Harvard University—fellows join a uniquely interdisciplinary and creative community. A fellowship at Radcliffe is an opportunity to step away from usual routines and dive deeply into a project that needs time and attention. With access to Harvard University's unparalleled resources, Radcliffe fellows develop new tools and methods, challenge artistic and scholarly conventions, and illuminate our past and our present.

Applications in humanities, social sciences, and creative arts are due by September 10, 2020.

Our [FAQs page](#) is full of helpful information for interested applicants, and we are always happy to answer any further questions at [fellowships@radcliffe.harvard.edu](mailto:fellowships@radcliffe.harvard.edu).

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

### Special Section: Natural Sciences Education in a COVID-19 World

In mid-March, all of us in K-12 and higher education had to retool our courses under the intense emergency circumstances of a global pandemic due to COVID-19. As we look ahead to the 2020/21 academic year, we begin to imagine how to successfully adapt courses for online delivery, while continuing to offer learning experiences for our students that are as high quality as possible. Similar challenges are also facing those of us working in extension. Building on the success of the 2020 *NSE* special issue, the 2021 special issue of "*Natural Sciences Education in a COVID-19 World*" will explore our collective experiences with adapting to COVID-19. We encourage contributions on the following topics:

- Ideas, approaches and case studies on how to address the need to move courses online (relevant to both K-12 and higher education).
- Strategies to deal with various administrative challenges in higher education.
- Issues facing extension specialists in reaching out to farmers.

The overall goal is to share information that will allow institutions to build resilient programs that continue to meet learning outcomes necessary to prepare future generations of land managers and scientists.

### Deadlines:

Letter of intent to write a paper should be sent to Bob Mahler ([bmahler@uidaho.edu](mailto:bmahler@uidaho.edu)) by September 15, 2020. Submission deadline is November 15, 2020.

For more information, please visit

<https://access.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/21688281/specialsectioncall>.

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### 2020 Scholarship Awards for Richardson-Applebaum Outstanding Graduate Research on Food Distribution

The Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS) is pleased to accept applications for the **Richardson-Applebaum Outstanding Graduate Research on Food Distribution and Marketing**. Broadly defined, this area encompasses all economic functions that occur between the farm gate and final consumer.

### Eligibility

- The competition is open to all graduate students with scholarly interest and career aspirations in the food distribution system who have completed the degree between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.
- Please note: 1) applicants are limited to applying for each category only once and subsequent submissions will not be considered, 2) only one submission will be accepted per university per category each year, and 3) applications must be submitted by February 1, 2021, there will be no deadline extensions, by the student's department head/chair using the online submission system: <https://bit.ly/FDRS2021application>

**Award**

- One travel stipend to attend the 2021 Annual Conference for each of the following categories: best Ph.D. Dissertation (\$1,500), best M.S. Thesis (\$1,500), and best M.S. Case Study (\$1,500).
- Complimentary one-year FDRS student membership.
- Complimentary conference registration fees and recognition at the 2021 FDRS Annual Conference, which will take place in Dallas, TX.
- The Ph.D. recipient is invited to deliver a 10-minute research presentation during the FDRS Applebaum–Richardson Award Luncheon.

**Application steps**

Students should save the following, in order, as one PDF file. When labeling the PDF file, please include your first and last name, category (e.g., Best Ph.D.), and name of your university. The final application must be submitted by the student's department head/chair using the online submission system:

<https://bit.ly/FDRS2021application>

- [Statement of Intent form](#)
- Cover letter that includes a brief synopsis of academic training, any food industry experience, and/or research experience and career interests and goals
- Letter of recommendation from the research paper advisor
- A copy of the dissertation/thesis/case study

**For more information:**

Please visit the FDRS website at [www.fdrsinc.org](http://www.fdrsinc.org)

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**2021 Scholarship Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research on Food Distribution and Marketing**

The Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS) is pleased to accept applications for the 2021 Scholarship Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research on Food Distribution and Marketing. Broadly defined, this area encompasses all economic functions that occur between the farm gate and final consumer.

**Eligibility**

- The competition is open to all undergraduate students with scholarly interest and career aspirations in the food distribution system.
- Please note: 1) applicants are limited to applying for each category only once and subsequent submissions will not be considered, 2) only one submission will be accepted per university per category each year, and 3) applications must be submitted by February 1, 2021, there will be no deadline extensions, by the student's department head/chair using the online submission system: <https://bit.ly/FDRS2021application>

**Award**

- A travel stipend of \$1,000 to attend the 2021 Annual Conference for the best Undergraduate Student Research Paper
- Complimentary one-year FDRS student membership

- Complimentary conference registration fees and recognition at the 2021 FDRS Annual Conference, which will take place in Dallas, TX.

### Application steps

Students should save the following, in order, as one PDF file. When labeling the PDF file, please include your first and last name, outstanding undergraduate category, and name of your university. The final application must be submitted by the student's department head/chair using the online submission system:

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- [Statement of Intent form](#)
- Cover letter that includes a brief synopsis of academic training, any food industry experience, and/or research experience and career interests and goals.
- Letter of recommendation from the research paper advisor.
- The complete research paper. Write the research paper following the formatting guidelines provided on page 2 and 3.

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### 2020 FDRS Virtual Conference

The Food Distribution Research Society annual conference is going virtual!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the FDRS will host a virtual conference. **Save the date for Tuesday, October 13; tentatively 11:00 am – 4:30 pm EST.**

This conference will consist of two keynote speakers; recognition for award recipients; and invited, selected and research update presentations.

The fee for the conference is \$50 for members and soon to be members, and \$25 for students. By paying this fee, you will have access to the online conference, recorded keynotes, presentations, and a 1-year complementary FDRS membership.

We also invite teams to participate at the Student Food Marketing Challenge; the registration fee is \$50/team. By paying this fee, students will participate at the Food Marketing Challenge and have access to the online conference, which includes recorded keynotes and presentations. Recall cash prizes are offered to the first, second, and third place.

More information on the virtual conference in the coming weeks.

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### Free Commentary: Economic Impacts of COVID-19 on Food and Agricultural Markets

This paper examines the many economic factors and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, with a focus on the agriculture sector. In efforts to slow down the spread of COVID-19, many states and countries shut down several economic areas such as tourism and entertainment venues, restaurants, personal services, and some manufacturing facilities. This has led many areas into a recession. The authors of this paper examine the

effects this recession has on these topics: macroeconomics; trade; supply chain; consumer behavior; food service/grocery; meat processing; forestry and wood products; local food systems; food waste; food insecurity; major commodity crops; agricultural finance; agricultural labor; rural health care; and research and outreach priorities.

Co-chairs: Jayson Lusk, Purdue University and John D. Anderson, University of Arkansas

QTA2020-3, 44 pp., June 2020, Available free online.

<https://www.cast-science.org/publication/economic-impacts-of-covid-19-on-food-and-agricultural-markets/>

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### **Introducing *Q Open***

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### **Announcing the Online Agricultural and Resource Economics Seminar**

The seminar will be held on Wednesdays at 11:00 am Central U.S. time. If you would like to register, join the OARES listserv [here](#), and make sure to sign up with your institutional address. The OARES website includes a schedule of forthcoming talks as well.

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