

AAEA News

Registration & Housing are Open

The majority of the 2016 AAEA Annual Meeting activities will take place at the **Boston Marriott Copley Place** in Boston, MA. Room blocks have been secured and all rooms are on a first-come, first-served basis. Deadline date for the AAEA group rate is **Thursday, July 7**. Reserve your room in advance to guarantee a room at the discounted AAEA rate.



Boston Marriott Copley Place
110 Huntington Ave,
Boston, MA 02116



To make a hotel reservation under the AAEA roomblock or make modifications, please visit <https://aws.passkey.com/e/14295768> or call 877-901-6632 and mention that you are part of AAEA.

Room rates:

- Single/double: \$190.00
- Triple: \$210.00
- Quadruple: \$230.00

Registration:

Attendees will have access to concurrent sessions, plenary sessions, the Poster Reception and Welcome Reception on Sunday night, and the Closing Reception on Tuesday night. Tickets for the [luncheons, reception](#), and [Pre-and Post- conference Workshops](#) are not included with the main registration fee, but can be purchased online up until July 8 or by contacting the AAEA Business Office at (414)918-3190.

[Register Online](#)

[Download PDF Form](#)

Registration Prices:

Type	Early (Before and on May 25)	Advanced (May 26- July 8)	On-site (After July 8)
Professional Member	\$405	\$480	\$555
Professional Non-Member	\$555	\$630	\$705
Senior Member	\$295	\$370	\$445
Senior Non-Member	\$415	\$490	\$565
Graduate Student Member	\$105	\$140	\$180
Graduate Student Non-Member	\$230	\$265	\$310

**Undergraduate registrations done via telephone, (414) 918-3190.*

Beautifully appointed and perfectly located, the Boston Marriott Copley Place inspires truly unforgettable experiences for business and leisure travelers. The hotel places you in the heart of downtown Boston's famed Copley Square, just a short distance from some of the city's most popular attractions. Sophisticated rooms and suites offer plush bedding and high-speed Internet access; some also feature Charles River views. Enjoy delicious American dining and a vibrant atmosphere at the hotel sports bar, Champions, or stop by Connexion Lounge for a glass of wine. Relax after a busy day by swimming a lap or two in the heated indoor pool. Your downtown adventure begins at the Boston Marriott Copley Place.

To register or book your stay, please visit the [2016 AAEA Annual Meeting Site](#).

2016 AAEA Annual Meeting Travel Grants-Applications extended to May 27

The AAEA Trust is accepting applications for Travel Grants for Graduate Students and Early Career Professionals attending the meeting July 31–August 2. These grants defray housing and transportation costs. The amount of the travel grant awarded will depend on a variety of factors, including: number of applications received, financial need of the applicant, and expected active participation in the Annual

Meeting. Applications have been extended to May 27.

To learn more about the 2016 Travel Grants visit the Annual Meeting website:

<http://www.aaea.org/meetings/2016-aaea-annual-meeting/presenters/am16-travel-grants>

Renew Your AAEA Membership for 2016

You can now renew your AAEA membership for 2016 on the [AAEA website](#). Simply log in to the “My Account” section to renew. Completing your renewal online saves you time by filling out most of the information for you automatically.

You will need to be a current AAEA member in order to vote in the **Executive Board Election**, which runs April 15–May 15.

2016 Executive Election Candidates:

President–Elect

[GianCarlo Moschini, Iowa State University](#)

[Scott Swinton, Michigan State University](#)

Director

[Joe Balagtas, Purdue University](#)

[Jeffrey Dorfman, University of Georgia](#)

[Ken Foster, Purdue University](#)

[Madhu Khanna, University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign](#)

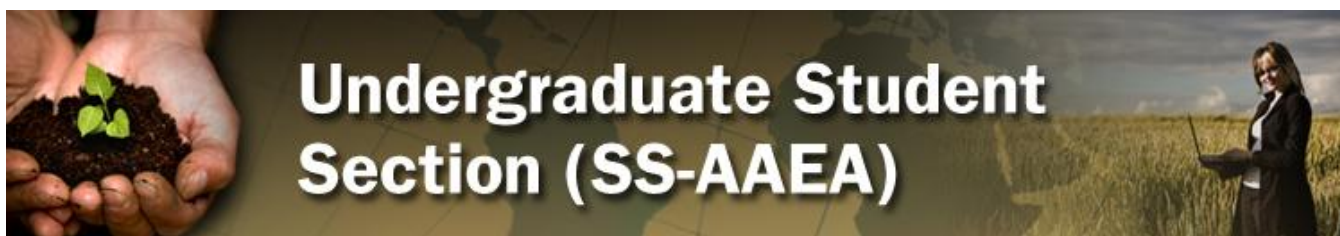


Register for the 2016 Employment Center

Registration is now open for the **2016 Employment Center** taking place July 31–August 2, during the [2016 AAEA Annual Meeting](#) in Boston, MA. The Employment Center offers a great opportunity for highly qualified candidates to connect with a number of employers during the Joint Annual Meeting. This year's Employment Center features a

simplified registration and posting process that is now integrated into the newly updated [AAEA Job Board](#). Applicant registration is **FREE**.

For more information please visit the online [Employment Center](#). If you have any questions please feel free to contact [Sarah Kenner](#). We hope to see you in Boston!



Undergraduate Student Section:

2016 AAEA Annual Meeting Activities

On behalf of the [Undergraduate Student Section](#) of the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association, we cordially invite you and your students to attend and participate in the AAEA Annual Meeting in Boston (July 31–August 2, 2016). Our section offers a wide variety of professional development opportunities for undergraduate students of agricultural and applied economics:

- Academic Bowl Competition
- Student Paper Competition
- Earl O. Heady Decision Sciences Spreadsheet Competition
- Outstanding Chapter Competition
- Creative Club Competition

In addition to the aforementioned competitions, students can interact with representatives of major graduate programs in our profession to discuss MS and PhD programs. Our reception on Sunday night (July 31, 2016) is a great opportunity for your students to meet and forge lifelong friendships with other students from over 20 domestic and several Canadian universities. On Monday night, immediately following the final round of the Academic Bowl Competition, we recognize and celebrate student accomplishments at the Awards Ceremony. Additionally on Monday night, in our section's business meeting, students have the opportunity to run for elected student leadership positions within our section.

To encourage participation, the student registration fees this year are only \$20 per student. As a further incentive to participate, there is a total of \$1,800 in prize money, various award plaques, and—of course—bragging rights to be national champions in a given competition. All of the required registration forms, competition rules, and overview of the Undergraduate Student Section may be found at <http://www.aaea.org/membership/sections/ss-aaea/>. If you have any questions, please contact me at Tyler.Mark@uky.edu.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tyler Mark, *Assistant Professor*, University of Kentucky

Faculty Leadership:

Dr. Tyler Mark (Senior Advisor)
Dr. Timothy Meyer (Junior Advisor)
Dr. Maria Bampasidou (Sophomore Advisor)
Dr. Andrew Wright (Freshman Advisor)

Student Leadership:

Luke Benton (President)
Macy Herzog (Vice President)
Destinie Marshall (Secretary)
Andrew (Treasurer)
Hollie Koester (Public Relations)

Call for Judges:

SS-AAEA Academic Bowl

The Student Section seeks judges for the 2016 SS-AAEA Academic Bowl. The Academic Bowl is held during the AAEA annual meeting; this year's event runs from July 31–August 2 in Boston, MA. The actual competition will run from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Monday, August, 1. The highest demand for judges takes place early in the day when we are operating in three rooms for the competition. Depending on the number of teams competing, we should require just two rooms from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Please email timothy.meyer@sdstate.edu if you are able to judge and list your time preferences/availability in the following time slots:

- 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM
- 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

- 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM
- 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

If your university is also bringing a registered team or two to compete, please let me know how many students you intend to bring. Finally, if you cannot judge, but know someone who can who is not a recipient of this email, please pass on the information.

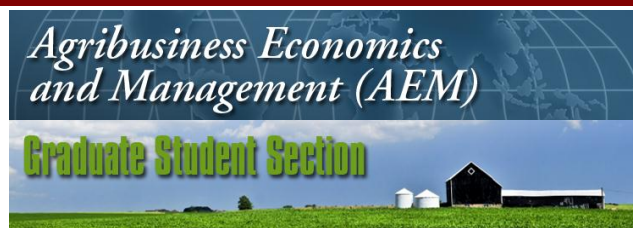
Please consider making this small time commitment; it is a great investment in the future of Applied and Agricultural Economics. Email Timothy Meyer at timothy.meyer@sdstate.edu with your availability at the 2016 AAEA Annual Meeting in Boston, MA.



Call for Participation:
AEM/GSS Sections Case Study Competition

The AEM/Graduate Student Section Case Study Competition allows graduate students to test their communication skills and their ability to apply their

knowledge of agricultural economics and agribusiness subjects to practical situations. Students competing in the competition will receive a copy of the case study at least two weeks in advance of the AAEA annual meetings.



Rules

Each team should prepare an oral summary of their solution to the case that will last no more than 15 minutes. Presentations lasting longer than 15 minutes will be penalized. After the presentation, teams should be prepared to answer questions from the judges on their interpretation of the case.

Teams can be comprised of up to three graduate students. Students may either compete as a team from the same school, or may choose to be mixed with students from other schools. If there is only one student from a school that wants to participate, the student can compete on their own, or he/she can be matched with other students. In the case of teams that are matched with individuals from different universities, competitors will be notified of their teammates as soon as possible, but no later than the same day the case is announced.

Prizes

The top three teams will receive plaques and cash prizes.

- **First Place:** \$300
- **Second Place:** \$200
- **Third Place:** \$100

Specific Information

The number of rounds will be determined by the number of teams entered. The final round will be composed of the top 3 teams. In addition to plaques and cash prizes, the three finalist teams will also be recognized during the AAEA Awards Ceremony.

- **Sunday, July 31, 8:00am – 3:00pm:** First Rounds of Competition
- **Monday, August 1, 1:30pm – 4:00pm:** Final Round
- **Monday, August 1, 6:30pm – 7:30pm:** Awards Ceremony

*Students participating in the case study competition will need to be registered for the 2016 AAEA Annual Meeting AND the Case Study Competition.

Students should register for the AAEA Annual Meeting through the 2016 Annual Meeting Registration Form which is available online at <http://www.aaea.org/meetings/2016-aaea-annual-meeting/registration>.

Each team must also complete the Case Study registration form identifying their teammates and send it to AAEEA no later than **June 13, 2016**. The form can be accessed online at <http://www.aaea.org/membership/sections/gss/case-study-competition>.

Please direct any questions regarding the 2016 AAEEA Case Study Competition to Dr. James Sterns (jasterns@oregonstate.edu) or GSS Section Chair, Clint Neill (clinton.neill@okstate.edu).

2016 Extension Competition for Graduate Students

AAEEA Boston, MA, July 31– August 2

The Extension and Graduate Student Sections of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association announce a competition for graduate students for 2016. This competition, sponsored jointly by the Extension Section and the Graduate Student Section, provides graduate student competitors the opportunity to develop extension and outreach programs from their research. The development of education materials and presentations suitable for a general public audience is expected. We encourage all departments with graduate students in agricultural economics, agribusiness, natural resource economics, community resource economics, applied economics or similar programs related to agriculture and/or the food system to inform their students about this important competition. [See full details for the competition here](#).

The purpose of the competition is to provide incentives to graduate students to learn to prepare and present appropriate analytical results for an extension (usually non-economist) audience. This can be based upon the graduate student's research for a thesis or dissertation. Participation in the competition is expected to enhance the professional growth of

the participating students regarding extension programs.

Eligible applicants are:

- Graduate students currently engaged in agricultural economics, agribusiness, natural resources, and community resource economics.
- Applied or similar economics MS or PhD programs related to agriculture and/or the food system.
- Those who graduated from such programs in 2015 or later.

Note: Participants must identify and work with a mentor with experience in outreach or extension activities.

Competition Application Information

Applications should be addressed to [Maria Marshall](#) and must include:

1. Student's name, university, department, address and contact information.
2. Title of the extension program to be delivered.
3. A summary of the proposed extension program. This should include target audience, delivery plans, communication methods and activities planned for distributing the information

to the public such as with fact sheets, pamphlets, press releases, reports, web sites, streaming videos, spreadsheets, workshops, PowerPoint presentations and training activities to be conducted (4 page maximum).

4. A profile of the student applicant's background as well as the related thesis title and brief description of the research (maximum 1 page).

5. The mentor's name, address and description of the mentor's role in assisting the student with this project.

Each finalist must develop oral and visual presentations (15-minutes in length) for delivery at the 2016 AAEA Annual Meeting in Boston, MA. Following the 15-minute presentation the judges will have 5-minutes of questions. The competition begins at 8am on Sunday, July 31st.

The top three finalists are expected to make presentations during an AAEA Extension track session.

Cash awards will be given to those judged to be the top three graduate students in this competition. Award funding is provided the AAEA Extension Section. Awards are:

First Place: \$1,000 and a plaque

Second Place: \$300 and a certificate

Third Place: \$200 and a certificate

Applications must be submitted electronically no later than 5:00 pm on **May 31, 2016**.

Submit Entries to:

Dr. Maria Marshall

Competition Committee Chair

Department of Agricultural Economics

Purdue University

Phone: 765-494-4268

Email: mimarsha@purdue.edu

Other News

Call for CRP Funding Applications

The Co-operative Research Programme (CRP)'s Call for Applications for funding international conferences (such as workshops, congresses and symposia) and research fellowship grants for funding in 2017 is now OPEN.

Please note the guidelines and conditions for funding below.

Applications must be submitted by the appropriate online application form which will be available soon. Until then, PDF forms have been attached to help you prepare your application.

Applicants must be nationals or residents of one of the [countries participating in our Programme](#).

The deadline to submit an application is **Saturday, September 10, 2016**, midnight (Paris time).

[General CRP Brochure](#)[National Correspondents Poster](#)

Research Fellowships

Applications are invited from research scientists working in agriculture, forestry or fisheries and who would like to conduct research projects abroad, in another member country of the Co-operative Research Programme.

The aim of the Research Fellowships is to strengthen the international exchange of ideas and increase international mobility and co-operation among scientists working in these areas.

To apply for a Research Fellowship Award, please consult the following documents:

- [Guidelines and Conditions for CRP Research Fellowship Awards](#)
- [Research Themes of the Co-operative Research Programme](#)
- [Selection Criteria for CRP Fellowship Awards and Conference Sponsorship](#)
- Sample fellowship applications: [example 1](#); [example 2](#); [example 3](#) (Although these are three examples for our previous themes, they are helpful because they show how much detail successful candidates put in their applications and how candidates covered all the selection criteria.)
- [Sample CV](#)
- [Sample invitation letter](#)

and complete the:

- Online application form for CRP Research Fellowships (not available yet)
- [PDF Application form for CRP Research Fellowships](#)

Conference Sponsorships

Applications are invited from research scientists working in agriculture, forestry or fisheries for funding towards a conference (or workshop, symposium, etc) to take place in a member country of the Co-operative Research Programme.

The aim of the Conference Sponsorship scheme is to inform policy makers, industry and academia of current and future research, scientific developments and opportunities in these areas.

See the entire call for applications online: <http://blog.aaea.org/2016/05/oecd-research-fellowships-and.html>

2016-2 GTAP 101 Course***“Introduction to Computable General Equilibrium Modeling”***

September 12 – October 28, 2016



The 2016–2 GTAP 101 Course is being organized by the [Center for Global Trade Analysis](#) and will be delivered fully online, led by [Dr. Mary Burfisher](#).

Objective

The objective of the GTAP 101 course is to engage participants in an active, team-based process of learning about the GTAP computable general equilibrium (CGE) model and its use in applied economic policy analysis. The curriculum emphasizes an intuitive and graphical treatment of economic theory in the CGE model, and provides structured experiences in manipulating and running the standard GTAP Model within the RunGTAP software environment. RunGTAP is an intuitive, menu-driven CGE model that minimizes technological hurdles and allows students to quickly begin to focus on their economic thinking and experimentation. The curriculum is geared to advanced undergraduates, graduates and professionals. At the end of the course, participants will be entry-level modelers and more informed consumers of CGE-based analyses. The course also serves as an entry point for developing the technical skills required for the [GTAP Short Course](#).

During the online course, participants will:

- Review core economic theories from macro, micro, trade and public finance and observe how they are operationalized in an applied general equilibrium model;
- Learn to recognize, control and interpret the theoretically consistent behavior of consumers and producers in the model;

- Observe the aggregated, macroeconomic impacts of microeconomic behaviors;
- Define model experiments that represent real-world issues and problems; and
- Learn to interpret general equilibrium model results by calling on and integrating their knowledge of multiple fields of economic study.

Structure

The course is fully delivered online, and is supported by the textbook, [Introduction to Computable General Equilibrium Models](#) (Burfisher, 2011), which will be provided to all participants. Additional learning resources include audio lectures, guided video simulations, and assessments. Much of the learning will take place through active discussions among the participants and instructor, which are carried out as asynchronous, threaded conversations on the classroom bulletin board. Topics covered in this course include: Database, Demand, Supply, Factor Markets, Trade and Taxes. The course culminates in a group research project which provides participants with a hands-on opportunity to carry out a model experiment and analyze its economy-wide effects.

Application

Individuals interested in taking this course must apply on the GTAP website **April 1–June 26, 2016**. Applications will be reviewed after the deadline and those individuals accepted will receive an email detailing how to register and submit payment in August. Please note that application does not guarantee acceptance.

Cost

The registration fees for this course are detailed below and include the course textbook as well as instruction during the online course.

- \$1,400 (*Standard Rate: Developed Country Professionals*)
- \$600 (*Discounted Rate: All Current Students and Developing Country Professionals*)

- \$100 (*Scholarship Rate: A limited number of scholarships are available to applicants residing in a [developing country](#).*)

For further information or to apply, please visit the course homepage on the GTAP website at: <http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/GTAP101/2016-2/>.

The Richardson-Applebaum Award

For outstanding graduate research

The Food Distribution Research Society is pleased to accept applications for the 2016 Richardson-Applebaum Award, which is awarded annually for outstanding graduate research in food distribution and marketing. The competition is open to all graduate students with scholarly interest and career aspirations in the food distribution system who have completed their degree in 2015 or by May, 2016. Application packages will be accepted until June 5th, 2016. The scholarship award includes:

- Cash stipends of (1) \$1,250 for best Ph.D. Dissertation, (2) \$750 for best M.S. Thesis, and (3) \$750 for best M.S. Case Study
- Complementary FDRS student membership
- Complementary conference registration fees and recognition at the 2016 FDRS Annual Conference, which will take place Sept 30–Oct 4, 2016 in New Orleans, LA. The recipient's domestic travel expenses will be paid by the society.
- Ph.D. recipient will be invited to present his/her research at the conference.

For application steps and more information, please visit our website www.fdrsinc.org. Or feel free to contact Dr. Alba Collart (alba.collart@msstate.edu), VP of Education.

The Food Distribution Research Society Award

For outstanding undergraduate research

Applications are also open for the new 2016 Food Distribution Research Society Award, being awarded for outstanding undergraduate research in food distribution and marketing. Application packages will be accepted until June 5th, 2016. The scholarship award includes:

- Cash stipend of \$500 for best Undergraduate Student Research Paper
- Complementary FDRS student membership
- Complementary conference registration fees and recognition at the 2016 FDRS Annual Conference. The recipient's

domestic travel expenses will be paid by the society.

For application steps and more information, please visit our website www.fdrsinc.org. Or feel free to contact Dr. Alba Collart (alba.collart@msstate.edu), VP of Education.

Job Opportunities

- [Assistant Professor](#) (Posted: May 5)
University of Tennessee
- [Rice Market Economist](#) (Posted: May 2)
National Rice Company
- [Associate Research Fellow – #16-104](#)
(Posted: April 28)
International Food Policy Research Institute (Posted: April 27)
- [Assistant/Associate Professor of Agricultural Business–Rural Economic Development](#)
Louisiana Tech University

These current positions and more can be found on the [AAEA Job Board](#)

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