



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 Norbert Wilson at nwilson@div.duke.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 16, 2023**, 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 2024 Board Meeting.

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

Call for Applications

Anthony Grano Fellowship Applications

The AAEA Trust is now accepting applications for the Anthony Grano Scholarship Award for 2024. Two scholarships of \$1,250 will be awarded to academically competent, highly motivated students in agricultural

economics or a closely related discipline with an interest in agricultural policy and the policy formulation process. The scholarship will support recipients 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 relevant to their policy interests.

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 **Monday, October 16, 2023**.

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 of applicant's choice (2–5 pages)
3. Current 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. Failure to provide any of the required components of the application package will result in its rejection. Read through testimonials from past Grano Fellows on the [AAEA website](#).

Call for Applications

Uma Lele AERA India/AAEA Mentorship Program

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

Testimonials from past Grano Fellows are available on the [AAEA website](#).

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Kristen McGuire at kmcguire@aea.org by **Monday, October 16, 2023**. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Call for Applications

Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship

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 2024 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 16, 2023**.

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@aea.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 2024 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 16, 2023**.

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.

Call For Applications

Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award for Women

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 workplace. 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 2024. 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 16, 2023**. If you have any questions, please contact Mary by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Call for Applications

Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award

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 2024. 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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Selected Presentations: Papers and Posters

Call for Abstracts

AAEA seeks submissions for Selected Presentations for the [2024 AAEA Annual Meeting](#) in New Orleans, LA. Selected Presentations are a submission category that represents both Selected Papers and Selected Posters. All submissions are reviewed together, and only after acceptance will the submissions be assigned as a paper or poster presentation. At the time of submission, individuals will have the option for their submission to be considered as a poster only. There is no paper only option.

Submissions for Selected Presentations must include a two-page maximum, single-spaced abstract that provides a clear explanation of what will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Authors should include in this abstract a discussion of the relevance of the topic, research methodology, and potential for generating discussion during the meeting. Please do not include your name, contact information, and sources in the abstract file.

Abstracts must be received by **Sunday, January 14, 2024**, at 11:59 PM CST, and must be submitted using AAEA's online Abstract Management System. Material previously presented at other meetings cannot be accepted, and the submitting author will be asked to verify that the material has not been presented elsewhere. When entering the title of your abstract, please be sure to submit the title as you would like it to appear in the program – with proper title capitalization and punctuation.

When submitting your abstract to the abstract system you will need to select three subject codes. The first subject code you select is the subject your abstract will be grouped in when being reviewed. This is an important step as it ensures your abstract will be reviewed by those with expertise in that particular subject. The second or third selected subject code may be used later during the scheduling process if your abstract is accepted.

To assist you with selecting a subject code the Selected Presentations Committee has created [keywords for each of the subject codes](#). We recommend you refer to the keywords for subject codes to help you determine the appropriate subject code for your submission.

If accepted, sessions are comprised of abstracts with the same subject codes. All accepted abstracts will be presented in person.

Review Process

All submissions will be subjected to a common, double-blind review process. After the review process has been completed, topic leaders will construct coherent Selected Paper Sessions and Lightning Sessions based on a common topic. All remaining accepted presentations will be assigned as posters. Presentation proposal acceptance notifications will be sent via email from the AAEA Business Office in late March. Emails may be received in spam folders. Should you not find an email by mid-April, please feel free to contact the AAEA Business Office at info@aaea.org or at (414) 918-3190.

Posters

Poster authors should be available during their assigned intervals during the meeting for questions and discussion. The event program and mobile app will list the poster titles, authors, locations, and presentation time. Poster presenters must submit a PDF version of their poster to the AAEA submission site by May 15, 2024. Uploads must be below 4 MB in size to be uploaded. AAEA will upload these posters to the AgEcon Search. Posters that miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program.

Selected Paper Sessions and Lightning Sessions

Up to 8 papers are included in a 90-minute Lightning Session, and up to 4 papers are included in a 90-minute Selected Paper Session. Therefore, each paper presentation in a Lightning Session is allotted 9 minutes, with 7 minutes to present and 2 minutes for discussion. Likewise, each presentation in a Selected Paper Session is allotted 20 minutes, with 15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for discussion.

Authors of Selected Papers must submit a full PDF version of their paper to the AAEA submission site by May 15, 2024. You may submit an updated version later. Uploads must be below 4 MB in size to be uploaded. AAEA will upload these papers to the AgEcon Search. Papers that miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program. The full version of the paper has no length limitations, but less than 25 pages is preferred. Double-spaced, 8.5 by 11-inch, single-sided format is requested. Please follow the American Journal of Agricultural Economics style guidelines, apart from the single table/figure per page convention.

Additional Important Information

If accepted, presenters of papers and/or posters must be a current 2024 member of AAEA and registered for the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting by May 15, 2024. Presenters who miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program. If your institution will be registering you for the annual meeting, please be sure to notify them of this deadline to ensure that you are registered by the deadline.

Invited Papers

Call for Proposals

AAEA welcomes proposals for Invited Paper sessions for the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. Papers in these Invited Paper sessions may be published in the Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy (AEPP) in March 2025, subject to review. Proposals from individuals or groups need to be submitted using the online submission system by **December 3, 2023**. The system will open in early November.

The most successful invited papers frame new areas of research, provide a systematic review of an existing area, or offer a novel perspective.

Proposed session formats must include either two papers with two discussants or three papers with one discussant. Four paper sessions will not be considered.

All presentations are in-person, we will not have a virtual component.

Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- The proposed session supports the objective of the Association to further the development and dissemination of systematic knowledge of agricultural and applied economics;
- The importance of the session is well-justified;

- The proposed papers are timely and the topics are likely to generate meaningful discussion during the presentation, as well as interest in a published version;
- It is likely that the session format will be conducive to a clear, focused, and informative presentation of the topics proposed;
- The session theme and paper topics are not repetitive of themes and/or topics previously addressed in Invited Paper sessions;
- The set of sessions will appeal to a broad spectrum of the membership.

Proposals should include session title and rationale, two–page abstracts and titles for each proposed presentation, and names and contact information of authors, discussants, and moderators.

Final versions of the invited papers must be submitted to AAEA by **May 15, 2024**. If the authors wish the invited paper to be reviewed for publication in the AEPP, it should also be submitted to the AEPP Editors via Editorial Express by **August 25, 2024**.

Please visit the [AAEA Annual Meeting Website](#) for more information about the annual meeting.

If you have any questions about submitting an Invited Paper session proposal, please contact Mary Annen at mannen@aaea.org or at (414) 918–3190.

Track Sessions

Sponsored by AAEA Sections

Call for Proposals

The AAEA Executive Board invites Track Session proposals for the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. Initial proposals need to be submitted by Sunday, **December 3, 2023**, to Jessica Weister at jweister@aaea.org. Final, detailed submissions associated with each session are due by **March 17, 2024**. The AAEA Business Office will work with each Section that submits proposals on their final submission.

Tracks are a set of multiple sessions submitted by AAEA Sections, scheduled throughout the meeting and devoted to a common interest area or topic. The AAEA President determines the number of sessions allocated to each section. All Section leaders have been notified of their 2024 allocations.

Section leaders are responsible for managing and submitting Track Session proposals. If you are interested in submitting a proposal for a Track Session, please contact the chair of the Section for more information about the session topics that they are seeking. Proposals submitted to the AAEA Business Office by an individual will be referred back to the Section for approval and official submission.

Specific Track Sessions can also be considered as Invited Paper sessions. These sessions need to be submitted through the abstract submission system as an Invited Paper session (see the call for Invited Paper Sessions for more information), and included with the initial Track Session proposals due in December, with an indication that it has also been submitted as an Invited Paper Session. If the proposed Invited Paper session is not accepted, it will still be included as a traditional Track Session.

Please contact Jessica Weister at jweister@aaea.org or (414) 918–3190 if you have any other questions about submitting or participating in a Track Session.

Organized Symposia

Call for Proposals

AAEA seeks submissions for Organized Symposia for the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. Proposals are due by **January 14, 2024**, and should be submitted using AAEA's online submission system. The system will open in early November.

Organized Symposium sessions highlight ideas or works-in-progress on a topic involving cooperative or competing efforts by two or more panelists. Symposia may involve panel discussions of prepared questions, debates, roundtable meetings, or other formats. Formal paper presentations are discouraged, nonetheless if such presentations are proposed, the organizer should explain how they will fit into a tightly coherent theme. In all cases, at least half of the session time should be reserved for discussion among the panelists and between the panelists and the audience.

Symposia may offer discussions of policy issues, research methods, emerging research results, teaching or outreach topics, issues in professional organization, or other matters. Proposals should include: session title, session rationale, names and contact information for the organizer and other participants, and a description of the symposium format that includes plans for discussion.

At least one proposer for the organized symposium must be a member of AAEA, and all presenters, speakers, and/or discussants at the Annual Meeting must be members of AAEA and registered for the Annual Meeting by **May 15, 2024**.

All presentations are in-person, we will not have a virtual component.

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

Please visit the [AAEA Annual Meeting Website](#) for more information about the annual meeting.

Call for Proposals:

Pre- and Post-conference Workshops AM24

The AAEA Executive Board invites proposals for Pre- and Post-conference Workshops at the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. The deadline for proposals is **Thursday, November 30**. 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.aea.org/meetings>, Title of proposed session and the proposed date and time that the workshop would take place (potential dates include **Saturday, July 27, and Wednesday, July 31**

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 16, 2023.

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.aaea.org/meetings> by **Thursday, November 30**. If you have any questions about submitting a proposal, please contact Mary Annen at mannen@aaea.org or at (414) 918-3190.

Case Studies

Call for Proposals

AAEA welcomes proposals for Case Studies for the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. Cases in this Invited Paper session may be published in the Applied Economics Teaching Resources ([AETR](#)) in January 2025, subject to review. Proposals from individuals or groups need to be submitted using AAEA's online submission system by 11:59 PM CST on **Sunday, December 3, 2023**. The system will open in early November.

Proposals are requested for case studies that show how the application of economic principles to decision making in the public and/or private sectors leads to better decisions. Any topic area that illustrates the application of economic principles is acceptable. Topic areas focusing on emerging issues such as: renewable ingredients, energy economics, food safety, and company environmental policies (e.g., green scorecard) are encouraged.

Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Deals with a problem that has a high level of importance/interest/relevancy to members of AAEA
- Clear and concise teaching objective(s) and target audience(s) (e.g. undergraduate students, graduate students, extension audiences)
- Case summary that presents solutions and explanations of how the learning objectives are realized
- Leads to a better understanding of how the application of economic principles improves decision making
- A general description of the teaching plan for presenting the case to include expected student use of reference materials

Proposals should include case title, names, contact information of the authors, and a case outline that covers the company or situation profiled, as well as a detailed outline for the case study. The outline should be 3–5 pages in length and a maximum of 2,000 words. The proposal must also contain an outline and ideas for a teaching note, although the teaching note will not be published with the case. Of the cases submitted, three winning case submissions will be accepted for presentation at the AAEA meetings by **March 17, 2024**.

Selected case studies (with teaching note when applicable) should be completed by **Wednesday, April 8, 2024**. These completed versions will be reviewed by the invited case study committee, and feedback to improve the cases will be provided to the author(s). Final versions of the cases must be submitted to AAEA by Wednesday, May 15, 2024. If the authors wish the case study to be reviewed for publication in the AETR, it should also be submitted to the AETR Editor by **Wednesday, May 15, 2024**. Accepted papers will carry a footnote that indicates they were subject to an expedited review process.

Examples of appropriate cases can be found in the agricultural and applied economics literature including the American Journal of Agricultural Economics (issues 94 (2) and 93 (2)), International Food and Agribusiness Management Review and the Journal of the Food Distribution Research Society. There are many ways to write a case. One set of guidelines for decision cases can be found at:

<https://www.ifama.org/publications/journal/vol3/cmsdocs/369–379.pdf>.

If you have any questions about submitting a Case Study Proposal, please contact Michael Storey at mstorey@aaea.org or at (414) 918–3190.

SAS Webinar: How to Fight Hunger & Food Insecurity (and How Not to)

South Asia's success in rapidly transitioning from massive food deficits to food surpluses and significant improvements in food security provides important lessons on the pathways towards getting to the SDG goal of zero-hunger. The historic focus on smallholder productivity growth and the consequent rise in incomes has long been seen as a blueprint for agriculture as an engine of economic growth and rural transformation. However, the unilateral strategy of increasing the "pile of grain" has resulted in substantial environmental and societal costs and climate related consequences. Staple grain fundamentalist agricultural policy has hampered food system diversity and slowed the fight against malnutrition. A reboot of food and agricultural policies that promote healthy, equitable and sustainable food systems are an urgent priority. We welcome you to join the South Asia Section of AAEA webinar with guest speaker Dr. Prabhu Pingali from Cornell University.

When: Wednesday, October 25, 9:00am—10:00 AMm Eastern

Agenda: 40 minutes for presentation and 20 minutes for Q&A

Speaker: Dr. Prabhu Pingali, Professor & Director, Tata–Cornell Institute, Cornell University

Register now: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqfuChqz0oGdWaKhMBFdHCtefgG–8IkTcW>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Please note that space is limited. If at any time, you can no longer attend the webinar, please email us at info@aaea.org to cancel so we may better accommodate pending registrations. Any pending registrants will be reviewed during the time of the webinar in the event there is room.

FREE Virtual 2023 Session

<i>Session Title</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Link</i>
Climate-Smart Markets and Practices on U.S. Livestock Farms	October 5	11:00 am - 12:30 pm Central	Zoom Link

Special Issue: Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics Use in the Classroom and Academy

Applied Economics and Teaching Resources is calling for manuscripts about use of artificial intelligence (AI) and data analytics in undergraduate and graduate education in the classroom and across the academy. Submissions of case studies, teaching and extension scholarship and research, educational innovations and methods, extension education innovations and methods, and commentaries about use of artificial intelligence, including use of large language models (LLMs) and platforms, such as ChatGPT, Bing AI, Bard, amongst other, and data analytics in undergraduate and graduate education, extension education, and other learning venues in institutions of higher learning. This special issue is open to a wide array of topics related to artificial intelligence and data analytics across the agricultural and applied economics and agribusiness and management economics disciplines. Topics may include but are not limited to innovative use of AI and data analytics in the classroom; innovative data analytic teaching modules and teaching case studies; teaching case studies about the impact of AI on agriculture, the agricultural industry and society; ethical and academic concerning the use of AI in the academy; assessments of AI for different learning outcomes and tasks; and use of AI and data analytics in extension education programming.

Special Issue Timeline:

If you are interested in making a submission to the special issue, please submit a 300 word abstract to Dr. Jason Bergtold (bergtold@ksu.edu) by **December 31, 2023**, at the latest. The abstract should describe the overall theme/topic of the manuscript, how it relates to the special issue call, and how it can be used for educational purposes. Your abstract will be reviewed once submitted and you will then be informed if you will be invited to submit a submission to the special issue.

Full papers for accepted abstracts must be submitted through AETR at www.aetrjournal.org. All papers will go through a double-blind peer review process and be available online via Advanced Access for readers once accepted. All submissions will need to follow the AETR submission guidelines at: <https://www.aetrjournal.org/contribute/submission-guidelines>. If you have questions about the special issue, please email the special issue editors.

Government Relations & Washington Update

October 2023**Congress Passes CR, Averts Shutdown**

On September 30th, the House of Representatives was able to pass a [short-term continuing resolution](#) to avoid a government shutdown and fund the government through November 17th. This will enable key USDA agencies such as ERS and NIFA to continue operations without disruption. The measure does not include funding for Ukraine but does provide \$16 billion for disaster relief. The bill also extends the authority of programs that were set to expire including: Federal Aviation Administration, Animal drug user fees, Community health centers and pandemic preparedness authorities and the National Flood Insurance Program.

Speaker McCarthy had attempted previously to pass continuing resolutions that would have cut domestic spending and omitted funding for disaster relief and Ukraine. Those packages were unanimously opposed by Democrats and several Republicans who argued that the provisions did not go far enough to reduce spending and address border security. As a result, it was widely expected that the government would shut down at midnight on September 30th. However, in a surprise move, the package passed by McCarthy garnered significant Democratic support, enabling the bill to succeed by a vote of 335–91. The Senate quickly followed by overwhelmingly passing the continuing resolution 88–9. President Biden signed the bill the night of the 30th. In the aftermath of the vote, several Republicans who have been critical of McCarthy indicated that they would move forward with an attempt to oust him from the Speaker’s position. Rules making it easier to remove the Speaker were negotiated when McCarthy was elected in January.

Agriculture Appropriations Bill Defeated on House Floor

The House of Representatives is working to advance each of the twelve annual appropriations bills separately. The House has recently approved four appropriations bills covering Defense, Military Construction, Foreign Operations and Homeland Security. The House brought forward the FY 2024 Agriculture Appropriations Bill on September 28th for floor consideration. The bill failed to gain approval by a vote of 191–237. Twenty-seven Republicans joins Democrats in defeating the bill. The package has drawn criticism for making significant reductions in USDA and FDA programs. The next steps in House consideration of the bill are currently unclear. Meanwhile, the Senate is taking the approach of grouping appropriations bills together into a series of “mini-bus” packages. However, Senate leaders have also faced some resistance in moving the “mini-bus” package of the Agriculture, Military Construction and Transportation appropriations bills. The recent passage of the short-term continuing resolution gives the House and Senate some additional time to identify a pathway to move the appropriations bills forward.

Agriculture Committees Continue Work on Farm Bill

The House and Senate Agriculture Committees are continuing their work to craft Farm Bill reauthorization, but, as expected, they were not able to complete new legislation before the previous Farm Bill authorities expired on September 30th. There has been some discussion about a short-term extension, but Congressional leaders have been focusing more attention on averting a government shutdown. The impact of Farm Bill expiration varies among different programs. Some programs, including many conservation and nutrition programs, are provided mandatory funding through the Farm Bill and would expire at the end of September. Other programs are only authorized by the farm bill and funded through appropriations, this includes most research programs. Commodity programs operate on a crop year basis, so there would not be an immediate impact of expiration. Dairy is usually the first sector impacted by a new crop year. Without an extension of commodity programs by the beginning of the new crop year, USDA would revert to permanent authority from the 1938 and 1949 Farm Bills. Programs like crop insurance have permanent authority and would not be impacted by an expiration of the Farm Bill. In recent statements, both Chairwoman Stabenow (D–MI) and Chairman Thompson (R–PA) sounded optimistic that the Farm Bill can still be completed by the end of the calendar year.

NIFA Hosts Webinar on Using PubAg to Share USDA Supported Work

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and the National Agricultural Library are holding a an informational webinar on Tuesday, October 17, at 1 p.m. CDT for an informational webinar on involving public access to scholarly publication and digital scientific research data assets. This webinar will provide details on how to meet the requirements under Departmental Regulation (DR) 1020–006 to submit final, peer-reviewed, accepted manuscripts to PubAg, the USDA public access archive system. All NIFA awardees and contractors

who are engaged in USDA-supported scientific research are encouraged to attend. Public access is a major component of the USDA and NIFA's efforts to promote Open Science. Departmental Regulation (DR) 1020-006 makes all peer-reviewed, scholarly publications and digital scientific research data assets arising from unclassified scientific research, supported wholly or in part by the USDA, accessible to the public to the extent practicable. DR 1020-006 applies to NIFA grant awards, cooperative agreements and contracts having started on or after October 1, 2022. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register for the webinar.

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SAVE THE DATE! 2024 NAREA Annual Meeting and Workshop

The 2024 [NAREA](#) Annual Meeting and Workshop will be in June 9, 2024 – June 12, 2024 in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

Conference and Workshop Hotel Information

[Atlantic Sands Hotel and Conference Center](#) 1 Baltimore Ave at the Boardwalk, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

Conference: Sunday, 9 June 2024 – Tuesday 11 June 2024

Workshop: Tuesday, 11 June 2024 – Wednesday, 12 June 2024

2024 Workshop Topic: Measuring and Enhancing Resilience of United States Rural Communities in the Context of Climate Variability

IMPORTANT DATES

Call for Abstract Submissions – by October 2023

Abstract Submission Opens – December 1, 2023

Abstract Submission Deadline – February 10, 2024

*Workshop – Draft Manuscript Submission – February 10, 2024

*Workshop – Early Career Scholar Travel Award Application – February 10, 2024

Registration Opens – March 1, 2024

Notification of Acceptance – March 16, 2024

Registration Deadline for Presenters – April 10, 2024

Early Bird Registration Deadline: April 10, 2024

General Registration Deadline – May 1, 2024

Full Conference Program Available – May 2024

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Please check the [NAREA website](#) for updates and detailed call for papers for both the conference and workshop.

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68th Annual Conference of the Australasian Agricultural & Resource Economics Society

Date: February 6–9, 2024

Venue: Australian National University Campus, Canberra, Australia

Description: Theme: Grand Challenges at the Frontier of Applied Economics

The Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) is the pre-eminent organization promoting applied economics research and policy engagement in agricultural and resources industries including, agribusiness, food systems, and the environment. Our journal, the Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AJARE) publishes original, high-quality, and interdisciplinary research and policy analysis pertaining to agriculture, the environment, and natural resources.

The theme of the AARES 2024 conference, “Grand challenges at the frontier of applied economics”, will focus discussions on the cutting edge of applied economics. We endeavor to explore the grand challenges that are facing the Australasian region and beyond, such as biosecurity, climate change, environmental degradation, energy systems, and food security.

This conference will provide a forum for our Society to explore new opportunities for research and development, and policy practice that can address these grand challenges in securing efficient, effective, and equitable outcomes. Distinguished researchers and professionals will present keynote presentations to inspire and stimulate discussions at the AARES 2024 conference.

The 2024 Annual Conference of AARES is going to be held on the Australian National University Campus in Canberra. A dedicated conference website will be established closer to the event.

In mid-2023 the local organizing committee will call for proposals for:

- Pre-conference Workshops; these will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024
 - Mini-symposia and themed sessions, and contributed papers; these will be scheduled during the conference proper, February 7–9, 2024
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