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 David Zilberman at zilber11@berkeley.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, email, 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 Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 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 2020 Board Meeting.

Proposals should be submitted to Kristen McGuire, AAEA Executive Director, via e-mail at kmcguire@aaea.org. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen or David.
Anthony Grano Fellowship

Call for 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, D.C. 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 Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

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. Failure to provide any of the required components of the application package will result in its rejection.

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

Uma Lele AERA India/AAEA Mentorship Program

Call for Applications

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

a.) The program shall be open to doctoral and post-doctoral candidates and the maximum age of the candidate should not be more than 35 years
b.) Masters/PhD degree in agricultural economics/economics with evident contribution to agricultural economics research

c.) The candidate should give an undertaking to publish at least one research article in a journal of national/international repute as an outcome of the mentorship work

d.) The candidate will attend the AAEA Annual Meeting

e.) The candidate will work with an AAEA Member mentor

To apply, scholars should submit the following:

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

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Kristen McGuire at kmcguire@aaea.org by Tuesday, October 15, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918–3190.

**Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship**

**Call for Applications**

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

At least one (1) Fellowship of up to $2,500 will be awarded for use during the 2020 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 **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**.

To apply, please submit the following:

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

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Kristen McGuire, at kmcguire@aaea.org. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918–3190.
The Sylvia Lane Mentorship Fund was established by the Committee on Women in Agricultural Economics (CWAE) for the AAEA Trust. The purpose of the fund is to sponsor activities that encourage the academic and professional development of women conducting economic analyses of food, agricultural, or natural resource issues.

Sylvia Lane had a distinguished record of research and teaching in the areas of consumer credit, health care, rural health service delivery, food stamps, and other areas concerning low-income consumers. She was named a fellow of the AAEA in 1984, one of the first women to receive this honor. She served as a consultant to the United Nations’ Food and Agriculture Organization and was a member of the President’s Committee on Consumer Interests. She was a Professor Emerita of agricultural and resource economics at the University of California, Berkeley.

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**McCorkle Scholarship**

**Call for Applications**

The AAEA Trust Committee is accepting applications for the 2020 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 **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**.

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.

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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).

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 2018. 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
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People Section

**Auburn University**

- New Appointment: **Ryan Thomson**, Assistant Professor
- Retirement: **Patricia Duffy**, 34 years of Service

**University of California, Davis**

- Awards: **Richard Sexton**, University of California, Davis, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Award of Distinction; **Tor Tolhurst**, WAEA, Outstanding Graduate Paper Award
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: **Anubhab Gupta**, PhD, Postdoctoral Researcher, University of California, Davis; **Natalie Popovich**, PhD, Senior Scientific Engineering Associate, Sustainable Energy & Environmental Systems Department, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
• Visitors: Hector Nuñez, Associate Professor, Center for Research & Teaching in Economics (CIDE), visiting scholar, one year; Emmanuel Paroissien, Postdoctoral Researcher, Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA), visiting researcher; Jessie Lin, Doctoral Researcher, University of Goettingen, visiting graduate student; Dejene Gizaw Kidane, PhD student, University of Tromsø, visiting graduate student

University of Georgia
• New Appointments: Yukiko Hashida, Assistant Professor; Dan Remar, Assistant Professor; Will Secor, Assistant Professor
• Position Taken by Recent Graduate: Soye Shin, PhD, Research Fellow, Program in Health Services and Systems Research, Duke – National University of Singapore Medical School
• Honorary Position: Jeffrey Dorfman, State Fiscal Economist, State of Georgia

International Food Policy Research Institute
• New appointments: Mehrab Bakhtiar, Associate Research Fellow; Susana Constenla, Research Analyst; Laura Pompano, Associate Research Fellow; Chloe van Biljon, Research Analyst; Racine Ly, Research Coordinator; Rachel Gilbert, Research Analyst; Abenezer Wondwosen Abera, Research Officer; Seid Yimam Mohamed, Research Officer
• Honorary position: Valerie Mueller, Nonresident Fellow

Michigan State University
• Retirement: Steven Haggblade, 14 years of service

University of Missouri
• Visitor: Jong-Jin Kim, Senior Research Fellow, Korea Rural Economic Institute (KREI), Visiting Scholar with FAPRI, September 2019 through August 2020.

New Mexico State University
• New Appointment: Maryfrancis “Frannie” Miller, Assistant Professor; Madhav Regmi, Assistant Professor; Greg Torell, Assistant Professor
• Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: Joram Robbs, Master of Agriculture in Agribusiness, Marketing Director, Olsen Feedstores, Arizona; Fayth Franzoy, Master of Agriculture in Agribusiness, Field Representative, New Mexico Oil and Gas Association, New Mexico

Purdue University
• Appointment Change: W. Scott Downey, Professor
Virginia Tech

- New Appointments: John Bovay, Assistant Professor; Charlotte Emlinger, Assistant Professor; Jennifer Friedel, Virginia Land Use Value Assessment Program Director and Professor of Practice; Chanita Holmes, Assistant Research Professor; Patrick Kayser, Virginia Use Value Analyst; Shamar Stewart, Assistant Professor; Wei Zhang, Assistant Professor
- Appointment Change: Kimberly Morgan, Associate Professor
- Awards: Mary Marchant, AAEA, Quality of Communication Award 2019; Kimberly Morgan, AAEA, Outstanding Master’s Thesis Award 2019; Santa Rosario de Jesus, AAEA, Outstanding Teaching <10 years Award 2019; Mike Ellerbrock, Virginia Tech College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Diversity and Inclusion Service Award 2019
- Position Taken by Recent Graduate: Ryan Spech, MS, Crude Trading Analyst, ExxonMobil
- Resignations: Wen You
- Visitors: Honorable Mahendra Siregar, Indonesian Ambassador to the United States, Indonesian Embassy, Guest Lecturer, September 2019

Obituary

Swank, Bill (1931 – 2019)

Bill Swank, age 88, passed September 21 in Westerville, Ohio, his home for 62 years. He was born in Darke County, Ohio, to Ira and Pauline Swank. He is preceded in death by two brothers Wayne and Don, and his son Michael. Bill received his Bachelor of Science, Masters and Doctorate from The Ohio State University and remained a strong supporter of the university. The university recognized his achievements in many areas, including the establishment of an endowed chair in Rural/Urban Policy. He was active nationally in the agricultural field and 28 of his 40 years with the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation were as Executive Vice President. He served on numerous national and international boards. He received innumerable awards and commendations for his work. In addition he traveled extensively with the AID program to foreign and third world countries promoting new approaches to agriculture. He was a veteran of the US Air Force. He is survived by his wife, Helen of 68 years; and two daughters, Theresa (Doug Webster) and Anita (Michael Dohn). In addition, he had nine grandchildren, Nicole, Amanda, Matthew, Rebecca, Tracy, Natalia, Elizabeth, William and Elizabeth; and ten great grandchildren whom he dearly loved. Bill was an avid reader and participant in the economics, current events, and political happenings of the present and he enjoyed the company of many, many friends. (He had a reputation as a storyteller). He brought a positive attitude and good humor to all he engaged, and immensely enjoyed being with people.
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**National Conference for Food and Agribusiness**

**Registration**

The Purdue University Center for Food and Agricultural Business will host the National Conference for Food and Agribusiness November 6–7, 2019 on the university’s West Lafayette, IN campus. Take advantage of the opportunity to gain beneficial, relevant industry information and network with professionals from all facets of the agri–food system.

**About the conference:**

Purdue faculty will release detailed results and insights from recent farmer and non–farmer research studies. The studies were conducted to obtain input from each segment of the food and agricultural business value chain on the extent to which their organizations are collecting and using data.

Results from the farmer survey will cover the types of data producers collect, the tools used to manage and analyze data, the decisions driven by data, and their assessment of data driven decisions. A panel of data savvy growers will also share their experiences implementing data into their operations. Non–farmer survey findings will focus on the collection of data at each value chain segment, how they use it and the impact it has. Faculty will discuss how data is used to drive decision making in organization as well as help customers to improve their decision making.

Use the discount code AAEANC to receive $700 off your conference registration and be sure to share with others who may be interested! Questions? Please contact Masi Keshavarz, research project manager, at mkeshava@purdue.edu.

**Panel Study of Income Dynamics**

**Request for Proposals**

The University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research, in conjunction with the United States Department of Agriculture’s Economic Research Service and the Food and Nutrition Service, announces a new Request for Proposals for food insecurity research using the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID). Research funded competitively under this announcement will focus on economic analyses of longitudinal household food insecurity and its links to food assistance program participation, work, income, consumption, and wealth. It is anticipated that five (5) grants at $50,000 each will be awarded.

The PSID began in 1968 as a survey of 4,800 American families and has since followed the children and grandchildren of original respondents. Today there are more than 11,000 PSID families and 26,000 individuals who participate in the survey. The USDA provided funding to include the 18–item Household Food Security Module on the 1999, 2001, and 2003 PSID main family surveys, as well as the 1997 Child Development Supplement (CDS). Food Security Module questions were also included on the 2014 CDS and on the 2015 and 2017 main family surveys.

The aim of this grant initiative is to expand upon the first round of PSID grants (see http://ukcpr.org/research/food-assistance-food-insecurity/psid) by competitively awarding cutting–edge
longitudinal research on causal links between food insecurity and child, adult, and family well-being across the domains of income, employment, consumption, wealth, and family structure utilizing both the historical, and especially, the newly released 2015 and 2017 data on food insecurity in the PSID.

Prospective researchers are encouraged to submit a letter of intent to UKCPR by Oct. 10, 2019, with full proposals due Nov. 14, 2019, by 5 p.m. For details on submission, see the full request for proposals [here](#). Interested researchers may also contact UKCPR Assistant Director Jeff Spradling at ukcpr@uky.edu or 859–257–7641 for more information.

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### 175 EAAE Seminar

**Call for Papers**

Gargnano (Garda lake) | Italy | May 13 – 15, 2020

Submissions are now open until **January 15, 2020**.

Event website: [https://eaae175.sustainabilitystandards.it/](https://eaae175.sustainabilitystandards.it/)

Event contact: eaae175@sustainabilitystandards.it

The objective of the seminar is to improve the understanding of sustainability standards and their effects on agricultural, food, and bio-based value chains. The seminar focuses on public and private sustainability standards. Both drivers and implications of their emergence are of interest, with emphasis on the economic, governance and policy perspectives. Emphasis is both on theoretical and empirical applications.

We are pleased to partner with [Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy (AEPP)](http://www.aepj.org), a journal of the Agricultural and Applied Economic Association (AAEA), for the work coming out of this seminar. Out of the papers accepted for the seminar, we anticipate publishing between 8 and 12 papers. This will compose a Special Issue that will be extensively promoted by the conference organizers, EAAE, AAEA, AEPP, and Wiley (the publisher of AEPP).

Confirmed keynotes speakers are:

- **Prof. Miet Maertens** – KU Leuven
- **Prof. Ian Sheldon** – The Ohio State University
- **Prof. Sofia Villas-Boas** – University of California, Berkeley

The main topics of the Seminar are listed [here](#). Participants will have the opportunity to present a paper, a poster or organize thematic sessions on the topics of the seminar.

The Seminar is jointly organized by the Università degli Studi di Milano (Department of Environmental Science and Policy) and the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Department of Agri–food Economics).
NCCC-134 Committee on Applied Commodity Price Analysis, Forecasting, and Market Risk Management

Call for Paper Proposals

The NCCC-134 Committee on Applied Commodity Price Analysis, Forecasting, and Market Risk Management will host its 2020 Conference on April 20–21, 2020 at the Holiday Inn St. Louis Downtown Conv Ctr, St. Louis, Missouri.

General Topics

Proposed papers should emphasize applied research. We encourage papers on commodity price forecasting, farm and agribusiness risk management, futures and options markets, as well as price analysis problems or issues. Please submit work that will be completed by April 2020 on these and the following topics in commodity markets:

- Supply, demand, and price behavior
- Improved forecasting methods
- Improved risk management procedures
- Futures and options markets

Proposal Format

Submit a two-page (double spaced) prospectus which contains the following:

1. Statement of the problem
2. Research objectives
3. Data and empirical procedures
4. Likely results and practical implications

Proposals SHOULD NOT IDENTIFY AUTHORS to protect their anonymity in the review process.

Proposals should be Adobe Acrobat files (pdf) and the file names should not contain author names. An example proposal is posted at our website (http://www.farmdoc.illinois.edu/nccc134/submissions.html).

Submission Procedure

Authors should submit their proposals through online submission system by following the link https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/NCCC2020. Submissions must be made by October 31, 2019.

1. If you have not submitted through this system in the past, you will need to create a user account by clicking the “Registration” tab in the online system.
2. After you log in to the system, click “+ Create new submission” in the Author Console.
3. Enter the title of your proposal.
4. The section “AUTHORS” should list your e-mail address, Name, Organization, and Country.
5. To add more authors, please enter the e-mail address of your co-author and click “+ Add.” Fill in the fields to provide the name, organization, and country of your co-author and click “+ Add.” Repeat this process to add more co-authors.
6. To upload your proposal click “Upload from Computer” and select the file.
7. Click “Submit.”
**Submission Decisions**
Screening committee will notify all submitting authors of their decision in December 2019. Successful authors must complete and submit their research presentation by **April 10, 2020**. Completed manuscripts are due on June 1, 2020 for digital publication.

See the NCCC–134 website at [http://www.farmland.illinois.edu/nccc134/](http://www.farmland.illinois.edu/nccc134/) for more information on registration, conference venue, and hotel accommodations.

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**2019 International Conference on Agricultural and Food Science**


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View other Members in the News HERE

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AAEA has zero tolerance for, and prohibits any type of, discrimination or harassment, including sexual harassment, either within the organization, at professional meetings, in the field, or anywhere professional activities are conducted under the aegis of the AAEA.

View the policy here.