The AAEA Trust Committee and Executive Board are seeking proposals for programs or projects that:
- Support development of graduate students and early career professionals
- AND/OR
- Deepen participation in AAEA or reach out to new groups
- AND/OR
- Enhance the AAEA Annual Meeting

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 Jill McCluskey at mccluskey@wsu.edu if you would like to discuss your proposal ideas before submission.

Proposal submissions should include:

1. A cover sheet with name of applicant; applicant's mailing address, e-mail, and phone number; title of the project; abstract of the project; timing, duration, and location of the project; and amount of funding requested.
2. A project description, not to exceed five double-spaced pages, including the purpose, scope, implementation procedures, the individuals responsible for management of the project, date/timing of the project, and location of the project.
3. An itemized budget, indicating costs to be borne by the Trust and funding provided by other sources, if any. The AAEA Business Office may be a resource for budget information.

Proposals should be submitted as a single PDF file by Monday, October 17, 2016, 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 2017 Board Meeting.

Proposals should be submitted to Brian Mondragón Jones, AAEA Executive Director, via e-mail at bmjones@aaea.org. If you have any questions, please contact Brian or Jill.
**Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship: Call for Applications**

The Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship provides an opportunity for early career female 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 2017 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 **October 17, 2016**.

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 Brian Mondragón Jones, at bmjones@aaea.org. If you have any questions, please contact Brian by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

**McCorkle Scholarship: Call for Applications**

The AAEA Trust Committee is accepting applications for the 2017 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 **October 17, 2016**.

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 Brian Mondragón Jones at bmjones@aaea.org. If you have any questions, please contact Brian by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.
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 goal 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 2016. 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
5. Letter of intent to collaborate from the proposed mentor
6. Budget

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Brian Mondragón Jones at bmjones@aaea.org by October 17, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact Brian by email or by phone at (414) 918–3190.
Anthony Grano Fellowship:  
Call for Applications

The AAEA Trust is now accepting applications for the Anthony Grano Scholarship Award. One scholarship of $2,000 will be awarded to an academically successful, highly motivated student in agricultural economics or a closely related discipline with an interest in agricultural policy and the policy formation process. The scholarship will support recipients to travel to Washington, DC to meet with senior staff from USDA, Congressional offices, and agricultural trade associations and commodity organizations.

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

The application deadline is October 17, 2016.

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, and
5. Letter of recommendation from department head. Department Head must be willing to match the funds if their nominee is selected.

Failure to provide any of these required documents will result in rejection of the application.

Applications should be submitted in a single space, 12 Font Size, 1” margins, and PDF format to Brian Mondragón Jones, AAEA Executive Director, at bmjones@aaea.org.

2016 Grano Fellowship

Earlier this year I was awarded the Grano Fellowship to travel to Washington, D.C. and see economic and agricultural policy in action. This award provided funds to travel to Washington, D.C., but more importantly, it provided the contacts I needed to see how training in agricultural and resource economics can be used in agricultural policy-making in Washington, D.C. and beyond.

I spent a full week in Washington during the month of June with my calendar booked with appointments from the morning until evening. I was able to spend all of that time meeting with senior USDA economists and program leaders, Senate staffers, policy advocates, and program leaders from other agencies. The Grano Fellowship’s Board of Directors were able to arrange these meetings in my areas of interest because of their long policy experience in Washington, D.C. and resulting in extensive contacts both in government and out.

This award provides the only means that I know of, short of already having a career in policy analysis, that a student interested in agricultural policy can see first-hand how it is made, evaluated, implemented, and monitored. Many of these meetings were with people who had a role I did not know existed -- and I do research in these areas. The trip also provided the opportunity to evaluate if you, as a new professional, fit in a particular role or agency better than another.
I have had a graduate career with some pretty unique experiences, but this experience was incredibly different and helpful. If you have any interest in agricultural policy or government, I encourage you to apply for the AAEA Grano Fellowship when the next submission period opens. You will never have a similar opportunity to meet all the people I met and evaluate all of the roles I was able to witness first hand outside of this award. I have no doubt that the members of the Grano Board of Directors will have the contacts necessary to introduce you to the relevant people in your field of interest. The fact that the Fellowship provides the funds needed to undertake a trip like this is a bonus.

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**Choices Magazine Celebrates 30 years of AAEA Outreach**

The premiere edition of *Choices* magazine was published in 1986. At that time, *Choices* was a quarterly, glossy magazine. Lyle Shertz, retired from the Economic Research Service, served as its first editor. That first issue stated that *Choices* was being launched because "food, farm and resource issues have become more important to everyone." From today's vantage point, it's easy to see just how prescient that observation was 30 years ago! While the *Choices* presentation format has evolved over time, its motivation and mission have remained steady: To serve as the principal outreach vehicle of the AAEA by providing high quality articles exploring the economic implications of current food, farm, resource and rural community issues directed toward a broad policy audience.

The continued existence of *Choices* is a testament to the value it provides to its readership and the support it has received from AAEA leadership, editorial staffs, and contributing authors. In 1982, AAEA President Ed Schuh raised the question in his presidential report of "whether there is some vehicle by which we can bridge the communications gap to make the results of our research available to a broader audience in a more expeditious manner" (Barkley, 2010, pp. 145–147). In addition to Ed Schuh and Lyle Schertz, senior AAEA members will also recall the names and early contributions to the establishment of *Choices* by others: Leo Polopolus, Neil Harl, Herb Stoevener, and Neil Shaller.

Today, *Choices* is online and free to readers. AAEA leaders and members have recognized the importance of extending the work of the profession by addressing important economic issues facing society through production of *Choices*. The importance of the social sciences, in general, in addressing public policy challenges is well recognized, e.g., see the 2015 World Development Report. The Agricultural Economics profession, in particular, has a rich tradition of producing public policy analysis. Some have even argued that social and behavioral sciences have a unique social responsibility to create an understanding of the value in using *all* of the sciences in the policy process (Prewitt and Hauser, 2013).

The challenge for the *Choices* authors and editors is to make sure those who should be aware of the knowledge generated by the profession are provided relevant information in an accessible form. The challenge bears reflection—relevant and accessible. This requires that authors and editors be informed of the current policy dialogue. *Choices*’ close cooperation with the Council on Food, Agriculture & Resource Economics (C–FARE) currently facilitates attaining that goal. A successful outreach program also requires that the profession, and individuals, take ownership of *Choices* by contributing to the content. To do less,
is shirking the responsibilities the profession has to those who provide support to our public and private workplaces.

Incoming co-editors, Kynda Curtis and Janet Perry, will begin posting content in January 2017. Their ability to produce a high quality publication, like editors before them, will depend on the AAEA members sharing in the responsibility to "connect the dots" of agricultural economic knowledge, policy agenda issues and timelines, and the form in which policy makers and others in the Choices audience can access information. It will be interesting to see where AAEA member owners take Choices in the next 30 years—and impactful for members who step up to be contributors.

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Call for Nominations:
AAEA President-Elect and Directors
The AAEA Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations from AAEA membership for AAEA President-Elect and two AAEA Directors, all for three-year terms beginning July 2017.

Please submit the names and affiliations of nominees to Brian Mondragón Jones at bmjones@aaea.org. Nominations must be received by October 3, 2016.
2017 Fellows Awards:

Call for Nominations

The AAEA Fellows Selection Committee is inviting nominations for the 2017 AAEA Fellows Awards. The deadline for submission of nominations and supporting biographical documentation is Wednesday, October 5, 2016. Selection is based mainly on a continuous contribution to the advancement of agricultural or applied economics as defined by the Vision Statement of AAEA. Achievements may be in research, teaching, extension, administration, or business. The nominee must be a living current member of AAEA and a member for at least five years.

Please follow these guidelines to submit Fellows nominations (non-complying materials will be returned). The nomination package should focus on documentation of the case for the nominee's contributions rising to a level that warrants recognition as a Fellow. "Continuous contribution" means exceptional service over a period of years. Such exceptional service may be demonstrated by: research discoveries published in major professional journals, leadership in the development of extension programs extensively utilized by other professionals; the development of undergraduate or graduate programs of learning that have become nationally recognized professionally and by students who have, in turn, demonstrated success as a result of these teaching programs; or outstanding performance in government, business, or NGOs. As a general principle, continuous service means more than a single act that might be rewarded by an outstanding journal article, extension award, or outstanding teaching awards. The documentation for the nominee provided should make clear the impact of the individual nominated in the areas of achievement to which the nominee has contributed. This evidence could include, but is not limited to, reference to publications, awards, honors, reports, or testimonials to notable tasks undertaken and outcomes achieved, or other contributions to the profession.

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

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

The 2017 Fellows Recognition Ceremony will be held as part of the 2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL. Information on previous AAEA Fellows and the procedures used to select Fellows is available on the AAEA Fellows page.
Angelos Pagoulatos, PhD, passed away June 14, 2016. Dr. Pagoulatos was a professor in the University of Kentucky Agricultural Economics department for 37 years, from 1975 until his retirement in 2012. He was born in Athens, Greece, and did his undergraduate work at the University of Rome, finishing a degree in 1968. He came to the U.S. in 1969 and completed a PhD in resource economics at Iowa State University in 1975 under the direction of Dr. John F. Timmons. His dissertation was titled, “Major Determinants Affecting the Demand and Supply of Energy Resources in the United States”, and a summary was published in the Western Journal of Agricultural Economics in 1978 under the title “Government Price Policies and the Availability of Crude Oil.” (As an indication of how our discipline has evolved, that manuscript was previously rejected for review by AJAE on the grounds that crude oil was not a resource of concern to agricultural economists.) Dr Pagoulatos developed a well-deserved reputation for pressing the boundaries of what was then considered to be a problem of interest to applied resource economists.

A prolific researcher and journal-article writer, he received the UK College of Agriculture Thomas Poe Cooper award in 1979 for outstanding research productivity while he was still an associate professor.

Dr. Pagoulatos was interested in Benefit/Cost (project) analysis, and used that as core content in the undergraduate and graduate resource economics courses he taught. He also trained students worldwide via workshops in Benefit/Cost and project analysis, usually under the sponsorship of the U.S. Agency for International Development. He developed materials when digital media was in its early stages, and developed a method for making and converting digital slide shows (Harvard Graphics®-based, pre-PowerPoint®) to VHS videotape, and then used these videotapes in his international training sessions (Some of that content is now available in pdf format on ageconsearch.umn.edu under “Introduction to Benefit Cost and Project Analysis”.)

Dr. Pagoulatos was an editor of the Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics (JAAE) for the 1993–1995 volumes as the transition occurred from the former Southern Journal of Agricultural Economics (SJAE). Subsequently, he co-developed a new format for the Review of Agricultural Economics during its transition in sponsorship from the North Central department chairs to the AAEA. He then served as editor of the Review of Agricultural Economics (subsequently renamed “Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy”) for the 1997 and 1998 volumes.

Dr. Pagoulatos was a wordsmith, fluent in Greek, Italian, French, English and Latin, with a working knowledge of other languages including German. He was a walking etymological guide to the history and origins of words and without hesitation could explain the origins of practically any word used in journal-article writing.

His remarkable skills as both a teacher and as a writer will be greatly missed. He left a large group of former students, both undergraduate and graduate, who greatly benefited from his research and teaching skills. He is survived by his son Timothy Shannon; sister Elena Pagoulatos; brother Emilo Pagoulatos; niece Liliana Dikis and nephew Victor Dikis. He was preceded in death by his parents Christopher and Maria (Prati) Pagoulatos.
Agri–food systems in Europe and elsewhere often face conflicting incentives and signals arising from markets and society, and need to make trade-offs. Sustainability advocacy groups are putting societal concerns like animal welfare, food safety, cultural heritage, food sovereignty, and carbon footprint on the agenda of policy makers and stakeholders in the food value chain. However, there are many challenges to overcome, especially when more sustainable food systems face conflicting goals, and households’ purchasing decisions are mainly price-driven.

Policy makers, therefore, face increasing challenges in balancing these concerns. The nature of challenges has changed over time with new technologies becoming available, with the ongoing innovation and transition to the bio–based economy, with an increasing share of the population living in urban areas, and with many markets becoming global. Some of these changes are subtle as borders between rural and urban areas are gradually disappearing, and cities are integrating agricultural activities within their boundaries.

The European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE) scientific community is key to providing insights into the economic challenges and opportunities arising from the changing expectations and requirements from markets and society on agriculture. The XV EAAE Congress aims to foster discussion and interaction among scholars with representatives from business, society and policy agencies.

The EAAE board has appointed the Program Committee to organize the scientific program of the Congress. The Local Organizing Committee and the Program Committee are striving to arrange a very stimulating and innovative Congress program consisting of organized sessions, organized panels, invited plenary presentations, contributed papers, posters, as well as field trips.

In particular, policy makers, societal stakeholders, and agribusiness representatives shall contribute to the program through organized panels which have an open format and do not require a scientific paper. Organized panels could be thought as sort of a "round table" discussion, moderated by an "external" figure to the presenting/debating panelists, which may also feature one or two presentations by academics. A formal scientific paper is not required to encourage the participation by NGOs, producer/industry groups representatives, or any other stakeholder who may not be accustomed to submitting a formal paper. A four-person panel, in which academia, industry, NGO/stakeholder/societal groups and policy representatives are present and deliver their presentation/speech for 15 minutes each, may be the best format. The remaining 30 minutes could be employed for discussion – solicited by the moderator – or for answering questions from the audience. In order to facilitate stakeholder participation to the organized panels daily participation fees will be foreseen, in case a one day presence is anticipated. Hopefully, the XV EAAE Congress in Parma will provide an interactive platform for researchers and representatives from non–academic institutions.
Call for papers, organized sessions, and posters

Contributed papers and posters as well as organized sessions are welcomed from all fields of agricultural, food, environmental and rural economics, and related disciplines.

The deadlines for submission are:
- Contributed papers: January 31, 2017
- Organized sessions: March 15, 2017
- Organized panels: March 15, 2017
- Posters: April 1, 2017

Notification of acceptance:
- Contributed papers: April 14, 2017
- Organized sessions: April 21, 2017
- Organized panels: April 21, 2017
- Posters: April 21, 2017

Final versions of contributed papers and posters due: June 5, 2017.

Meanwhile, you can also Stay in Touch with the organization on the Social Media referenced throughout the website or via the Newsletter. Any help in spreading the word about the Call for Contribution and the Congress Social Media presence will be greatly appreciated!

Contribution Submission and Registration

Contribution submission and registration will be managed through ConfTool Pro, via the Congress website, or – directly – at https://www.conftool.com/eaae2017/

Conference registration (at a later date) will be possible only by participants with a valid EAAE membership. Please note that this condition will be strictly enforced! To learn more about the benefits of and conditions for becoming an EAAE Member, please visit the Association page.

The early opening of a ConfTool Pro account, besides the Congress Social Media and Newsletter, will guarantee you are up to date with any further detail on deadlines and the Congress itself.

The flyer containing the Call for Contributions, Deadlines for Submission, and other pieces of information related to the XV EAAE Congress is available for you to download and share here: XV EAAE Congress Flyer

The Applegate-Jackson-Parks Future Teacher Scholarship

The National Institute for Labor Relations Research is offering the Applegate-Jackson-Parks Future Teacher Scholarship. Graduate or undergraduate students majoring in education are eligible for the given scholarship. The scholarship is awarded annually to the education student who best exemplifies the dedication to principle and high professional standards of Carol Applegate, Kay Jackson, and Dr. Anne Parks. The winning candidate will receive a scholarship of $1,000.

NILRR’s primary function is to act as a research facility for the general public, scholars and students. It provides the supplementary analysis and research necessary to expose the inequities of compulsory unionism.

Eligibility:
- Applicants are limited to graduate or undergraduate students majoring in education in institutions of higher learning throughout the United States.
• Officers, directors and employees of the National Institute for Labor Relations Research, the National Right to Work Committee, Members of the Selection Review Committee and their families are not eligible.

How to Apply:
Interested candidates can submit their application on-line through the given link:
http://www.nilrr.org/resources/scholarship-application/

Supporting Documents:
• A copy of the most up-to-date transcript of grades;
• A typewritten essay of approximately 500 words clearly demonstrating an interest in, and knowledge of, the Right to Work principle as it applies to educators.

Submitting Details:
You can also submit your completed application packet to:
Future Teachers Scholarships
National Institute for Labor Relations Research
5211 Port Royal Road, Suite 510 Springfield, VA 22151

Award Amount:
One scholarship of $1000 will be given to the winning candidate.

Application Deadline:
Applications must be received between October 1, 2016, and December 31, 2016.

Link for More Information:
http://www.nilrr.org/resources/scholarship-application/

Contact Information:
If you have more questions, you can call at (703) 321–9606.

2017 Economics and Managements of Risks in Agriculture and Natural Resources Annual Meeting:

Call for Submissions
The SCC–76 “Economics and Management of Risks in Agriculture and Natural Resources” Group is soliciting submissions for the 2017 Annual Meeting, taking place March 30 – April 1, 2017 in Pensacola Beach, FL.

The objective of the conference is to provide a forum to facilitate the exchange of applied approaches to risk analysis, economics, and policy – both empirical and theoretical – as well as to nurture the development and application of dynamic and original research efforts related to agriculture and natural resources. Applied work in domains of government, industry, and academia are most welcome.

Abstracts should normally not exceed two double–spaced pages and should outline the research question, methodology, and results of the research. Authors are welcome to submit
abstracts for finished papers as well as papers in the early stages of development. All papers relevant to risk in agricultural and applied economics and their constituent fields will be considered. When submitting a paper, please indicate whether you would like a discussant. Requesting a discussant means you agree to discuss another paper.

Abstracts should be submitted by email (PDF only) no later than December 15, 2016 to abstracts@agriskgroup.org. Authors will be informed whether their papers are accepted by December 23, 2016. If a discussant is requested, a draft paper will be due by March 1, 2017.

The group’s website is: https://www.agriskgroup.org/

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