



Message from the Chair



Association of
1890 RESEARCH DIRECTORS



Dear Colleagues:

This is the month that we join together and with our friends and well-wishers to celebrate '1890 Day', April 23rd. Our campuses are planning for some exceptional programs and we must be sure to take pictures, videos, and communicate through social media on that day. We are proud of who we are and we are—***Building on Our Past, Finding Answers Today, and Preparing for Tomorrow.***

The land-grant community has been strongly supportive of the 125th anniversary celebration events and messaging. Recently we learned from the 1890 representation on *The Journal of Extension* Board of Directors, Dr. Javiette Samuel, that the board decided unanimously that the 125th Anniversary logo will be placed on the Journal of Extension home page. It will replace the Extension centennial logo that is currently there. During the centennial year Extension facts were included on the website periodically and the Board would like to do the same thing for the 125th Anniversary. The KSU College of Agriculture, Food Science, and Sustainable Systems includes "Second Morrill Fast Facts" weekly on their campus announcements. Other campuses will be asked to share similar facts soon. Additionally for example, Epsilon Sigma Phi, an Extension professional organization has also indicated that they will host a wellness walk in New Orleans on April 23rd and seek to raise funds for the 1890 Justin Morrill Scholarship fund. We are grateful to the land-grant family for the support and assistance we have and will continue to receive.

Sincerely,



James O. Garner, ARD Chair



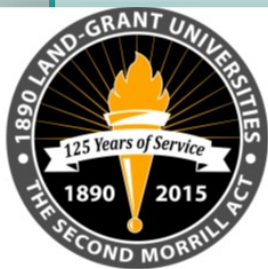
ARD UPDATES

Acting President Appointed at South Carolina State University



Dr. W. Franklin Evans was named acting president of South Carolina State University by the Board of Trustees on February 23, 2015. Before assuming leadership of the university, Evans served as interim provost and previously as vice president for Academic Affairs. He matriculated at the University of Georgia and Georgia State University earning six degrees in areas ranging from entomology to journalism, middle childhood science to curriculum and instruction, and administration and supervision to higher education administration. His professional career has included working as an adjunct professor at Alabama A&M University, Tennessee State University, Vanderbilt University and Athens State University. Prior to moving to Orangeburg, S.C., he was employed as vice president for Academic Affairs at Virginia Union University.

Northeast SARE offers competitive grants to graduate students who are doing research under the supervision of a faculty advisor. Proposals should address issues of current or potential importance to Northeast farmers, agricultural researchers, and farm support professionals such as staff of NRCS, Cooperative Extension, and nonprofit organizations that serve the farm community.
http://www.nesare.org/Grants/Get-a-Grant/Graduate-Student-Grant?utm_source=Media&utm_campaign=ef9128256c-Northeast_SARE_Graduate_Student_rollout3_12_2015&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_de7db4757a-ef9128256c-229759445



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IMPORTANT: RFAs are out for the following:

FY 2015 Food Safety

APPLICATION DEADLINE for “Enhancing Food Safety through Improved Processing Technologies” (A4131): May 18, 2015. APPLICATION DEADLINE for “Effective Mitigation Strategies for Antimicrobial Resistance” (A4171): May 13, 2015.

http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/FY15%20Food%20Safety%20RFA%20final_to%20post.pdf

FY 2015 Childhood Obesity Prevention

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 23, 2015 http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/fy2015_child_obes.pdf

NIFA’s COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM FOUNDATIONAL PROGRAM:

In FY 2015, applications are sought in the following US agriculture priority areas: 1. Plant health and production and plant products; 2. Animal health and production and animal products; 3. Food safety, nutrition, and health; 4. Renewable energy, natural resources, and environment; 5. Agriculture systems and technology; and 6. Agriculture economics and rural communities. The amount available for support of this program in FY 2015 is approximately \$116 million.

For RFA visit: http://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/rfa/FY2015%20AFRI%20Foundational%20RFA_revised_post_4.pdf

Closing Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Letter of Intent: Accepted anytime between March 1, 2015 and August, 31 2015.

Application Deadline: Full proposal submission is dependent on acceptance of the Letter of Intent and availability of funds. Upon receiving an invitation to submit a full proposal, applicants must submit the proposal within 60 days, with September 30, 2015 being the final deadline for proposal submission.

For More Information Contact: Charlotte Kirk Baer

Funding Opportunity Number: USDA-NIFA-AFRI-004915

CDA number: 10.310

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$116,000,000

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: For equipment grants and if commodity specific. See RFA for details

NAFEO Career Development Conference

April 8-9, 2015

InterContinental Buckhead Atlanta Hotel



April 8th 2015 (9am-5pm)
NAFEO will conduct a workshop on preparing students for careers in USDA, which will include sessions on Federal Resume Writing, Strategizing, Interviewing Techniques, and brief overviews of agency careers. Students will have an opportunity to meet executives and staff from these agencies.



April 9th 2015 (9am-5pm)
NAFEO is hosting an onsite career fair on behalf of USDA. Students will have an opportunity to meet and interview with USDA executives. USDA is planning onsite job hiring for qualified applicants. USDA is interested in graduating seniors and recent graduates for employment opportunities as well as students at all levels who are interested in paid internships.

For more information please visit nafeo.org. Interested students majoring in agriculture, agronomy, biology, and engineering should go to nrcs.usda.gov for more information on available positions and job requirements.

