Grants & Contracts Awarded

Dr. William E. Field. $15,000.00. National Farm Medicine Center/NIOSH. Development of an Evidence-Based Curriculum and Leader Resource for Conducting Agricultural Safety Programming in Old Order Anabaptist Communities. 10/01/05 - 09/29/06.

John Lumkes. $5,000.00. National Fluid Power Association. Development of Controller Area Network (CAN) Based Training Station for Industrial and Mobile Applications. 01/01/06 - 12/31/06.

Dr. Richard Stroshine. $10,000.00. Woodsend Research Laboratory, Inc. Evaluation of Woodsend Digital Color Reader System for Improving the Measurement of the Solvita C(12) Test Kit Measurements of Shelled Corn Storability. 01/01/06 - 06/30/06.

K. Ileleji. $2,000.00. Service Learning Faculty Development Grant. Purdue University Office of Engagement.


Funding Opportunities


The proposals are due a lot earlier this year: January 25th. In addition to the CFP, the Grant Application form, and other supplemental documents (i.e. Application Checklist, Grant Evaluation Rubric, and Sample Departmental Support letter) can be downloaded by clicking the "Call for Proposals and Other 2006 Grant Documents" link on the Grants page.

The deadline for submitting proposals for the Discovery Learning Center Seed Grant competition has been extended to January 31, 2006. For complete guidelines, please visit the website at: www.purdue.edu/dp/learningcenter and select "Seed Grant" from the menu bar.

The USDA National Needs Fellowship proposal competition will soon be available. Purdue was very successful in this competition this past year. The FY 2006 Graduate Fellowships program announcement is scheduled for Internet release on January 16, 2006. The deadline for applications will be April 28, 2006.
The National Science Foundation has released two RFPs for limited submission scholarship programs. The first is the Robert Noyce Scholarship Program, available at http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2006/nsf06528/nsf06528.htm. Purdue may submit one proposal for this competition. The second is NSF Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM) (formerly the CSEMS program), available at http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2006/nsf06527/nsf06527.htm. For this program, Purdue may submit one proposal per college. For both competitions, internal deadlines are as follows:

* Monday, January 30: Letters of Intent due to the OVPR and appropriate Associate Dean for Research.
* Monday, February 20: Preproposals due to the appropriate Associate Dean for Research.
* Monday, February 27: Ranked preproposals due to the OVPR.

Mary S. Rice Farm Fund - 2006 Request for Proposals. In 1991, the estate of Mary S. Rice presented Purdue University with an 800 acre grain and mint farm in LaPorte County in Northwestern Indiana. Her will specified that income from the farm be used to “further the study of farming methods and procedures.” Based on this, issues to be addressed by Rice funding for 2006 will place emphasis on the contemporary problems of agriculture and a primary component should include research conducted at one or more regional Purdue Agricultural Centers.

For 2006, $70,000 will be available for project funding. Proposals should not exceed $10,000 and will be considered from both individuals and teams. We will consider both programmatic and specific equipment proposals. Please note if other funds are available or can be leveraged to accomplish or support the request/project. Proposals for equipment must state how the equipment is limiting or will enhance a research program(s).

NOTE: A brief, but thorough report of any previous Rice funding must be completed and turned into the Office of Agricultural Research Programs before additional Rice funds can be secured.

**Proposal Format:** Provide four copies to include:

* Descriptive title
* Objective(s)
* Duration
* PI(s) and others involved
* Justification and Relevance - consider some of the following:
  - What problem/issue relevant to Indiana is addressed?
  - How will it be addressed?
  - How will this project make a difference in Indiana agriculture?
  - How will results be extended to Indiana clientele?
* Completed proposal transmittal checksheet

Proposals should be brief and concise, preferably no more than 3 pages. **Due: Friday, 3 February, 2006 at 5:00 pm (EST).** Submit to: Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy, Director, Agricultural Research Programs, AGAD, Room 118-615 West State Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2053 or email at: fankhaus@purdue.edu

The National Science Foundation has released this year’s solicitation for its Informal Science Education program. The URL for this competition is http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2006/nsf06520/nsf06520.htm. For this competition, NSF’s limitations are as follows: “three preliminary proposals and three full proposals for Project Grants; three proposals in total for Planning Grants and/or Conference, Symposia, and Workshop Grants.

For this competition, internal deadlines are as follows:

* Monday, January 23: Letters of Intent due to the OVPR and appropriate Associate Dean for Research.
* Monday, February 13: Preproposals due to the appropriate Associate Dean for Research.
* Monday, February 20: Ranked preproposals due to the OVPR.
The National Science Foundation has released this year’s solicitation for the Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship Program (IGERT). The URL for this competition is http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2006/nsf06525/nsf06525.htm. This year, NSF has limited the number of preliminary proposals for this program to four. In addition, the solicitation specifies several other major revisions to the program.

For this competition, internal deadlines are as follows:
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Monday, February 20: Ranked preproposals due to the OVPR.

Letters of intent and ranked preproposals to the OVPR should be e-mailed to hcking@purdue.edu. Purdue’s limited submission procedure may be found at http://dagon.admin.purdue.edu/cgi-bin/lsid.cgi.

Papers Accepted for Publication & Presentation


Seminars

Discovery Lecture Series - February 6, 2006 - Fowler Hall in Stewart Center. Discovery Lecture Technical Panel - NNI at Five Years: THE TRANSFORMATION (2 hours, 3-5 p.m.). Discovery Lecture Forum - NNI at Five Years: PUBLIC INTEREST (2 hours, 5:30-7:30 p.m.) Register on the web at: www.purdue.edu/dp/dls/nni

ABE in the News

ABE Academic Programs

The Trustees of the Fluid Power Educational Foundation recently awarded Michael Bournias the Otto J. Maha scholarship for the 2005-2006 academic year. Presenting the check is Professor Gary Krutz.

Faculty & Staff News

Department Head, Bernie Engel presented Carol Sikler her 10 year anniversary award at the annual ABE Christmas luncheon held on December 19th - Congratulations Carol.
Congratulations go out to Kathy Moore of the ABE Business Office who recently received the Eleanor Kaplan Award. This award is given to recognize current Administrative and Clerical staff members who have demonstrated excellence and leadership in providing customer service. Winners receive a $100.00 cash prize and have their names engraved on a plaque displayed in Freehafer Hall.

Congratulations to our faculty! Dan Ess has been named Outstanding Ag. Teacher, Bernie Tao, Outstanding Eng. Teacher and Martin Okos as Outstanding Counselor. The selection process collected materials from our seniors and a recommendation for each of these awards was made by the student club leadership using the materials from seniors. The awards committee will be working with these award winners and submitting materials to the college level awards competitions.

Student News

ASABE President Cody McKinley reported that the 1/4 scale tractor pulling team received funds from DaimlerChrysler in December. The grant was for $4,000. Cody says the group plans to use the money to help pay for parts and traveling expenses for the 2006 1/4 Scale Competition in Peoria Illinois this summer.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADS!

Ricardo Bartosik, PhD
David Gonzalez, PhD
Pablo Mercuri, PhD
Rajesh Singh, PhD
Randy Beaver, MS
Nathan Fleck, MS
Andrew Heber, MS
David Szabela, MS

Retiree & Alumni News

During the annual ABE Christmas luncheon, alumni Al Dale was presented a plaque naming the new conference room located on the third floor of the ABE building in his honor.
## Calendar

### January 2006
- 27 Faculty/Staff Meeting

### February 2006
- 8 Faculty/Staff Meeting
- 20 Faculty/Staff Meeting
- 24 Faculty Annual Reports Due
- 25 ASABE Midwest Rally & ABE Alumni Luncheon
  - Harry Gibson Retirement Party

### March 2006
- 3 Distinguished Agricultural Alumni Awards
- 9 Faculty/Staff Meeting
- 24 Faculty/Staff Meeting

### April 2006
- 7 Faculty/Staff Meeting
- 19 Student Banquet & ABE Alumni Award
- 21 Faculty/Staff Meeting

### May 2006
- 5 Faculty/Staff Meeting
- 13 Commencement - 9:30 am (Eng.)
- 13 Commencement - 2:30 pm (Ag.)