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RESOURCES FOR AUBURN RESEARCHERS

Introducing the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research

The [Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research](#) (FFAR), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was established by the Farm Bill passed in 2014 and is charged with complementing and furthering the work of the [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#). It is important to note that (in order to maximize impact) FFAR is committed to **complementing** and not **duplicating** existing research endeavors.

FFAR's mission is to bring together leading experts to identify researchable questions whose answers have the potential to enhance the economic and environmental resilience of our food supply. FFAR focuses on the following areas of research:

More Productive Sustainable Agriculture

Optimizing agricultural water use

Transforming soil health

Enhancing sustainable farm animal resilience, productivity, and health

Improving plant efficiency

Better Health Through Food

Achieving a deeper understanding of nutrition and health food choices

Managing food production systems to enhance human nutritional outcomes

Spurring food system innovation

The goals of FFAR include: funding cutting-edge research and development through grants and innovation challenges; building unique public-private partnerships; convening stakeholders and thought leaders to foster collaboration; building human capacity and inspiring the next generation of food and agriculture scientists; and utilizing social, physical, and biological sciences to answer research questions.

FFAR has a number of programs for which stakeholders can participate:

[Seeding Solutions](#) (currently closed for 2017 submissions)

[New Innovator in Food and Agriculture Research Award](#) (currently closed for 2017 nominees)

[Rapid Outcomes from Agricultural Research](#) (open for participation agreements)

[Pollinator Health Fund](#) (open for pre-proposals through April 17th)

FFAR is also seeking **expert reviewers** from academia, federal and state governments, industry, commodity groups, professional organizations, and other stakeholder groups to evaluate research proposals submitted in response to calls for proposals in the following challenge areas:

- Forging the Innovation Pathway to Sustainability
- Food Waste and Loss
- Increasing the Food System's Capacity to Cope with Water Scarcity
- Protein
- Urban Food Systems

- Making “My Plate” Your Plate
- Healthy Soils, Thriving Farms

Selected experts will evaluate proposals against criteria established by FFAR, and provide comments and scores which will form the basis of the FFAR funding decision. The evaluation will be done using an e-grantmaking website, [proposalCentral](#).

The call for experts is open without deadline. Interested parties are invited to submit a curriculum vitae (CV) [here](#). The CV should include a description of education, work experience, and a list of peer-reviewed publications. Experts will be placed in the FFAR database. In addition to the CV, applicants must submit the self-identified conflict of interest (COI) form and sign a confidentiality/nondisclosure agreement. The [COI form](#) will be reviewed annually. Should a conflict of interest arise in the interim between annual revisions, it is incumbent on the expert reviewer to notify FFAR immediately.