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CFAES Community -

Ohio State has identified the first 15 faculty positions to be created through the RAISE (Race, Inclusion and Social Equity) initiative, which will add at least 50 tenure-track research faculty to the university within a decade. Proposals from six colleges were approved in this first call for proposals. CFAES received approval on two proposals which will provide four new faculty positions for the college. OAA has launched a second call for proposals, which will identify up to 10 additional RAISE positions. [Read more](#). Congratulations to all our team for collaborating on the proposals!

Congratulations to Dr. Rattan Lal who was recently appointed to the Board for International Food and Agriculture Development (BIFAD) by President Biden. Established in 1975, BIFAD advises the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) on agriculture, higher education issues, and food insecurity in developing countries. [Read more](#).

We are pleased to welcome several new faculty to CFAES this semester. We hope you'll take a few minutes to get to know them and welcome them to our CFAES community: <https://cfaesfacultyandstaff.osu.edu/news/get-know-our-new-cfaes-faculty-0>

Congratulations to Jill Jentes Banicki, assistant director and communications coordinator of Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Laboratory who was recognized by the National Sea Grant Communications Network with the 2021 Communications Service Award. The award, presented in December "recognizes a Sea Grant communications professional's accomplishments, creativity and vision, along with their contributions and commitment to the Sea Grant community." [Read more](#).

Be well.  
Dean Cathann Kress

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### **CFAES Ground Transportation Log**

As previously shared, the college implemented an updated "CFAES Ground Transportation Log" (previously

known as “Mileage Log”). The updates incorporate the continuation of telework/hybrid work schedules.

Beginning February 1, 2022, CFAES staff should transition to only using the “CFAES Ground Transportation Log” to request reimbursement. Submitting a previous version of a mileage log may result in Expense Reports (ERs) being returned and/or delayed reimbursement payment.

- The direct link to “CFAES Ground Transportation Log” is: <https://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/travel-0/cfaes-ground-transportation-log>
- The log can also be accessed from the “CFAES Finance” home page under “Travel” at: <https://cfaesfinance.osu.edu/>.

### **Newly Named Office of Technology and Digital Innovation, Formerly OCIO, ODEE and Enterprise Security**

The Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), along with the Office of Distance Education and eLearning (ODEE) and Enterprise Security (ES), are now going by a different name with a single identity – [Office of Technology and Digital Innovation](#). Over the next several months, you will see communications from OCIO, ODEE, and ES transition to this new name.

What this means for CFAES: The way we receive support remains the same, and IT assistance continues through the current methods noted on our [IT Service Desk](#) page. [Learn more about the name change and reorganization on the IT@OSU website.](#)

### **In New Blog, Provost Identifies Three Key Areas of Focus for Academic Community**

To build on conversations she initiated across the university in fall semester, Executive Vice President and Provost Melissa Gilliam has begun sharing her perspectives on Ohio State’s academic mission and vision in a periodic blog on the Office of Academic Affairs website. In the initial post of [“Academic Voices: A Provost’s Blog,”](#) she shares what has impressed her during her early assessment of the academic community and identifies three major areas of support and operational needs that will be given greater attention in the future. Subscribers will be sent a link to their inbox when new posts are added to the blog.

### **Orientation for New Postdoctoral Scholars Hired Jan/Feb 2022**

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA) would like to ask faculty who hire new postdoctoral scholars during the months of January and February to direct them to their asynchronous online new postdoc orientation. [They can register for the orientation here.](#) OPA is hiring a new Administrative Director and aims to resume directly inviting new postdoctoral scholars to orientation in March. New postdoctoral scholars should also subscribe to the OPA mailing list [here](#) and the Postdoctoral Association (PDA) [here](#). This is how they will receive important communications from OPA and the PDA.

### **Reminder: CFAES Family Scholarship Applications Due by February 15**

Applications for the CFAES Family Scholarship - open to spouses and dependent children of CFAES faculty and staff are **due by February 15, 2022**. Applications can be submitted via [the CFAES online scholarship application](#) regardless of if the applicant is/will be a CFAES student or not. Please review the [detailed criteria and application instructions](#) carefully. If you have questions about the scholarship process, please reach out to Michelle Anderson, Administrative Associate for Faculty and Staff Affairs, at [anderson.3484@osu.edu](mailto:anderson.3484@osu.edu).

### **Carbon Offsets, the Quality Challenges and the Response Under Development at the University of California**

This webinar co-hosted by the Ohio State Sustainability Institute, the Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics and the CFAES Rattan Lal Center for Carbon Management and Sequestration on **Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 12 P.M.** will address the evolution of the carbon offset market and the nature of the persistent quality challenges. The second half will discuss the potential role of universities and

colleges in guiding the offset market through research-based procurement. Facilitator Dr. Barbara Haya, Director of the Berkeley Carbon Trading Project in the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley, will discuss the University of California's developing offset procurement program, involving research into the quality of offset project types and projects and the development of university-initiated offset projects. There will be plenty of time for discussion. Register at [go.osu.edu/carbon-offsets](http://go.osu.edu/carbon-offsets).

### **AEDE Economic Outlook and Policy Spring Webinar Series**

Will prices keep rising or will we finally catch a break in 2022? Uncertainty and rising prices have become fixtures in our financial and economic decision making of late. Join our expert economists for a new webinar series as we explore what's going on in key commodity and labor markets as well as the supply chain. This new series features a different AEDE economist breaking down an interesting topic every month throughout spring. Full Schedule and Registration: [go.osu.edu/AEDE-series](http://go.osu.edu/AEDE-series).

### **EPN to Host Discussion of Human-Animal Coexistence**

Join the Environmental Professionals Network (EPN) on Feb. 15 for a discussion of "Large carnivores and a lot of people: Finding human-animal coexistence in a crowded world." The program will address the coexistence adaptations of large carnivores and humans and focus on innovative strategies to achieve solutions to ecological, conservation and management problems through creative and collaborative scientific research. Learn more and register at: <https://go.osu.edu/epnfeb22>

### **2022 Warner Grant RFP Release**

The CFAES Sustainable Agriculture Team and Agroecosystems Management Program are offering interdisciplinary grants to promote on-farm research in sustainable agriculture. This program is made available through the Paul C. and Edna H. Warner Endowment Fund. Research is intended to identify and publicize sustainable agricultural practices and systems that are profitable, socially responsible, energy efficient and improve water quality and other environmental concerns relevant to Ohio farmers. Applications are due March 1. [Read more.](#)

### **Foods for Health Research Initiative 2022 Seed Grant**

The Foods for Health Research Initiative is pleased to release the 2022 Seed Grant request for proposals. Two funding mechanisms are available this year. The FFH Seed Grant program aims to support new collaborations and enhance the quality of current research studies through the availability of two funding mechanisms. All proposals must support the mission of FFH to advance multidisciplinary research that defines the relationship between foods, disease prevention and health promotion. [Read more.](#)

### **Enhanced Well-Being Programs**

Kick off the year with new Your Plan for Health (YP4H) programs to support your well-being journey. New physical and emotional well-being programs can help you meet your personal goals. You can also earn even more YP4H incentives, including an additional \$100 HRA credit bonus or \$20 PulseCash bonus (depending on your medical plan enrollment status). [Learn more about what's new for 2022.](#)

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