Travel Funding Opportunity for Grad Students and Early Career Researchers: International Collaborations in Digital Agriculture

UASPSE Announcement – Request for Proposals

The NSF-funded UASPSE* project is accepting proposals to use Foreign Travel funds for establishing collaborative research partnerships in the domain of Digital Agriculture. Applications are limited to Early Career researchers (Post-Doctorial Scholars and Pre-Tenure Tenure-Track Faculty), and Graduate Students. Awards will be provided as reimbursements through the **University of North Dakota** after each proposed travel event has been completed.

Number of Anticipated Travel Reimbursement Awards: 4-6
Total Funding Available: $14,500 in Foreign Travel, $6,000 in Domestic/Participant Travel
Anticipated Size of Proposal Budget: $2,500-$4,000 per award.
- Foreign Travel Funds: $1,500-$3,000 per award
- Domestic/Participant Travel Funds: $1,000 per award

Proposal Structure

Applicants should provide a single-page PDF document describing the proposed collaboration and potential for future collaborative work. This document must include a budget with justification. International (non-domestic) conference attendance related to Digital Agriculture *is* an allowed cost.

Additional Requirements
- The aim of the proposed project must be to establish a long-term research collaboration in the domain of Digital Agriculture between an Early Career Researcher (or Grad Student) and a foreign partner.
- Proposed project must conform to NSF Policy on Foreign and Domestic/Participant Travel.
- Foreign Travel must be completed before **May 31, 2019**.
- Foreign Travel will be reimbursed after a 2-page collaboration results report has been filed with the UASPSE PI Team. This report must be filed before **Aug 31, 2019**.
- Domestic travel portion of the award **must be used to attend a UASPSE or Midwest Big Data Hub (MBDH) 2019 event**, where the awardee will present a poster on results of the project.

Submission Information & Deadlines
- The UASPSE project will **accept proposal submissions immediately** and will continue to do so **until all available funding has been allocated**.
- Proposal submissions will be reviewed by a 3-person panel consisting of members from the UASPSE PI Team, UASPSE External Advisory Board, and/or the MBDH Steering Committee.
- Competitive submissions will address the following topics:
    - Foreign partner research funds or other support for proposed collaboration;
    - Access provided by collaboration to (new, novel, or restricted) data or methods;
    - Concrete plans for continuity of the collaboration after travel has occurred;
    - Relevance to UASPSE project outcomes. See website - **https://DigitalAg.org**
- Submissions will be accepted by email:
    - Subject line should contain: *"UASPSE Early Career Researcher Foreign Collaboration"*
    - Send single-page PDF proposal document as an attachment to:
        - *Aaron.Bergstrom@und.edu*
    - Questions about this request for proposals should be directed the same email address.