

Exciting News from ORGA!



The College of Charleston is excited to announce a new partnership with Charleston County and the South Carolina Aquarium to create a new center of excellence with a focus on community and resilience. The Center of Resilience Excellence South Carolina (CORE SC) will collaborate with organizations throughout the state, country, and globe that provide the best practices on resilience. This partnership was formed through this team's work with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, with hopes of expanding this relationship through the work conducted at the Center. For more information, read the full press release [here!](#)

Important Information for Current Grant Holders Regarding COVID-19 Related Project Expenses:



- The federal government has issued waivers for certain grant guidelines in light of the impact on research and other grant-funded activities
- Follow institutional instructions on charging salary and wages to your federal grant as outlined in Ed Pope's emails dated March 15 and 16. This includes:
 - Grant-funded employees (students included) who may not have the ability to work remotely
- Follow institutional guidelines on travel charges as outlined in Ed Pope's email dated March 19. This includes:
 - Travel charges incurred due to cancelled trips, which may be charged to the relevant grant
- If you have any questions about allowable costs, please reach out to ORGA (grants@cofc.edu)

United States Department of Agriculture Funding Opportunities



The USDA's Food and Agriculture Service Learning Program funds projects which intend to increase the knowledge of agriculture and improve the nutritional health of children and to bring together stakeholders from distinct parts of the food system to increase the capacity for food, garden, and nutrition education, while fostering higher levels of community engagement between farms and school systems. Applications are due June 4, 2020. For more information, [click here](#).

USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture Community Food Projects Program fund projects which aim to meet the food needs of low-income individuals through food distributions, community outreach to assist in participation in federally assisted nutrition programs, or improving access to food as a part of comprehensive service; promote comprehensive responses to local food access, farm and nutrition issues; and meet specific state, local, or neighborhood food and agricultural needs. Applications are due June 3, 2020. For more information, [click here](#).

National Institutes of Health Funding Opportunities



The National Institutes of Health is accepting applications for the NIMH Biobehavioral Research Awards for Innovative New Scientists (BRAINS), which will support scientists in the early stages of their careers in launching a research program that holds the potential to profoundly transform the understanding, diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of mental disorders. Applications due June 20th, 2020. For more information, [click here](#).

The NIH is accepting applications for the Research Education Program (R25), which supports research education activities in the mission areas of the NIH. The goal of this program is "to support educational activities that complement and/or enhance the training of a workforce to meet the nation's biomedical, behavioral, and clinical research needs." Applications due July 13th, 2020. For more information, [click here](#).

Meet ORGA's Pets!



As ORGA has worked remotely these past weeks, our pets have become beloved co-workers. Andy belongs to our director, Susan Anderson. He was one of 6 puppies born to a small German-shepherd mixed breed rescue dog in January 2015 in Auburn, Alabama. Susan's previous dog had died a few months before, and she and her husband had planned to adopt another rescue sometime in the summer, but Andy pulled at their heartstrings. They knew they had made the right decision—he instantly became part of the family. He had learned to sleep in his crate and sit before eating his food and quickly adapted to his new home. He recently got his backyard fenced in and loves patrolling for squirrels and chasing wind-blown leaves. While his parents work from home, he stays close to them with preference for a window seat so he can keep an eye on the outdoors.