Monthly News

**Plant Protection Act 7721 Workshop**

Join Dr. Autumn Smith-Herron for her annual Plant Protection Act 7721 Workshop, overviewing the funding opportunity formerly known as the Farm Bill, from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This year you can join the Workshop remotely or in person.

**Wednesday, June 22nd, 2022 1:00PM - 3:00PM**

Tries Conference Room: 2424 Sam Houston Ave. Ste. 8B, Huntsville, TX 77341 - Room 188A

Zoom Room: [https://shsu.zoom.us/j/86103777160](https://shsu.zoom.us/j/86103777160)

**Thursday, June 23rd, 2022 10:00AM-12:00PM**

Tries Conference Room: 2424 Sam Houston Ave. Ste. 8B, Huntsville, TX 77341 - Room 188A

Zoom Room: [https://shsu.zoom.us/j/86362206131](https://shsu.zoom.us/j/86362206131)

**Council on Undergraduate Research**

**ConnectUR**

The Council on Undergraduate Research will be hosting its inaugural ConnectUR conference this month. Interested parties can register independently until June 17th for the online conference. Follow the link for more information on [ConnectUR](https://www.curo.org/), and check out all of CUR's upcoming summer events [here](https://www.curo.org/summer/).
News from the Capitol

Sam Houston State University contracts with a team of specialists dedicated to navigating the political arena in Washington D.C. The Normandy Group, LLC stays abreast of the mission, needs, and goals of Sam Houston State University, the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, and our faculty, staff, students, and surrounding community members, and tailors those items to resonate with the lawmakers and influencers of our nation.

Read the information on the agenda of Congress in the monthly Normandy Group Update.

Recognizing Success

Former Plant Protection Act Awardees

The Plant Protection Act 7721 Workshop has been key in raising the number of submissions and successful awards from USDA APHIS. Many of the projects are awarded funding in consecutive years.

Last years awardees include Jeremy Bechelli, Richard Ford, Kylee Kleiner, Junkun Ma, Ashley Morgan Olvera, Christopher Randle, Madhi Safa, Autumn Smith-Herron, and Justin Williams.

Congratulations Graduates

Congratulations to all the Bearkats of Class 2022 who are graduating this summer, including those from the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs:

- Clayton Cottle - May 2022
- Sarah Browning - May 2022
- Ossiel Olivares - August 2022
The Numbers - FY2022

**Submissions**
- Proposals Submitted - 138
- Grant Dollars Requested - $58,759,732

**Awards**
- Awards Received - 57
- Grant Dollars Awarded - $19,637,336

*FY2021 Numbers:
- Proposal Submitted - 135
- Grant Dollars Requested - $54,551,897
- Awards Received - 63
- Grant Dollars Received - $18,131,633

Funding Opportunities

Check out these curated funding opportunities on PIVOT.

Community Development

Solve the Logic Puzzle
Nate dropped his phone in a puddle and lost all his contact information. He has four friends with similar names graduating from Sam Houston State University and he wants to bring them each a gift related to their major. He plans to catch them at their jobs before they leave for summer vacation. Use the clues to help him connect each of his friends to their major and workplace.

1. Nate remembers another STEAM Team member talking about their machine learning project in Computer Science at the meeting last week.
2. Samantha and Samuel work at the Kat Club and the Kat Post, but Nate cannot remember which is which.
3. Nate remembers Sam works off campus at a local elementary school as part of his degree program.
4. Samantha hates true crime shows, but loves to read historical fiction.
5. Samuel has to cross campus to walk from his job at the Kat Post to class in the George Beto Criminal Justice Building.

Riddle Me This Kats!

Which three fresh fruits are the summer's best sellers in the United States?
What is the most common wildflower in Texas?

The most common wildflower in Texas is the bluebonnet. The bluebonnet is also the official state flower of Texas.