

National Future Scientists & Educators of Extension

H. Marissa Stone
The University of Georgia

Lindsay E. Marshall
The University of Georgia

Ahlishia Shipley
The University of Kentucky

WHO WE ARE

National Future Scientists and Educators of Extension (NFSEE) is a national organization that increases student awareness of potential opportunities within the Cooperative Extension System.

Membership in NFSEE provides undergraduate and graduate level students at land-grant universities with professional development opportunities in research, education and extension.

OUR VISION

The Vision of the National Future Scientists and Educators of Extension is to serve as an integral part of the educational mission of Extension.

By providing students with challenging educational experiences, research and application opportunities, volunteer services and self-directed activities, professional development is enhanced and successful careers in Extension are launched.

The NFSEE makes a positive difference in the lives of students by

STRENGTHENING
leadership potential



ENHANCING
personal growth, &



BUILDING
professional success.

Addressing the "So What?" Question

As Cooperative Extension enters its next hundred years of service, it is imperative that a new generation of motivated, talented, and compassionate professionals step forward to continue the legacy of the land-grant mission.

Top scholars are an integral part of this equation.

Approximately 20% of the work force in Extension in both Agriculture and Human Sciences will be gone in the next 5 years.

We have a lot to do in filling those positions with top scholars from accredited land grant institutions-- most students have very little knowledge about Extension or the opportunities available to them.

The National Future Scientists and Educators of Extension strive to inform and recruit students to learn more about career choices and research opportunities in the Cooperative Extension System.

Engaging top scholars as prospective Extension educators, agents and specialists across the Nation



WHY NFSEE NEEDS YOU!

As student leaders, we feel we cannot get the word out about the opportunities in Extension until we educate future scholars about the wide-range of research and career opportunities available in Extension. Further, we believe this information will be most effectively conveyed with the support of the experts currently working in the field - YOU! NFSEE needs your guidance, your expertise, your willingness to mentor students about NFSEE, and your willingness to serve on the NFSEE Advisory Board. If you feel you are interested in any or all of these roles, please see one of the NFSEE officers ASAP!
IF YOU WON'T, WHO WILL? IF YOU DO, WE WILL!

WWW.NFSEE.ORG

WHAT WE DO

NFSEE is a student-centered organization, so we provide opportunities for:



Furthering the Land-Grant Mission: The Cooperative Extension service has a long-standing history of improving the quality of life of individuals and families across the country. Through internships, practica, and research collaborations, NFSEE members will be able to contribute to the legacy of Cooperative Extension in teaching, research, and outreach.

Professional Networking: Members will have entrée to a vast network of Extension agents, associates, and specialists who can provide information about opportunities in education, research, and employment. Members will also have opportunities to forge professional relationships with Extension educators and administrators.

Professional Development: NFSEE fosters an environment of professionalism by presenting members with opportunities to gain experience in the professional world, attending conferences and trainings, seminars, and other professional development activities.

Advancing Scholarship: NFSEE offers a virtual space for sharing research interests, program development ideas, and scholarly publications among members across the country. Our members are the 'top scholars' entering Extension and are consistently acknowledged for their academic promise and success.

Accelerating Research: NFSEE provides members with opportunities to solicit research funding and engage in research projects with Extension professionals nationwide. Members are encouraged to form research collaborations with their colleagues and peers to advance their research agendas.

Mentorship: Successful mentoring has the ability to propel individuals into the next level of their professional success. NFSEE has established a culture of mentoring within the organization with a deliberate effort to guide and advise students on the best possible path to their future by harnessing skills and talents and providing ample opportunities to excel.

Leadership Enhancement: NFSEE members will be afforded opportunities to be in on the ground work of conceiving, formulating, and directing programs and activities by collaborating with Extension Specialists to respond to existing or emerging societal problems, opportunities, and issues through the development and application of science-based knowledge



Our Purpose

Our vision is to serve as an integral part of the educational mission of Extension: to enhance Extension programming in the behavioral and social sciences. The vision of NFSEE is to provide opportunities for student development through educational experiences, research and application, volunteer services and self-directed activities. The NFSEE aims to make a positive difference in the lives of students by supporting their leadership potential, personal growth, and professional success through Extension careers. Students in the NFSEE will serve as a unifying force -- a point of intellectual knowledge, support, professional development and identification for the National Future Scientists and Educators of Extension.

Our Objectives

NFSEE is a student-centered organization, so we provide opportunities for:

- FURTHERING THE LAND-GRANT MISSION
- ACCELERATING RESEARCH
- PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING
- MENTORSHIP
- LEADERSHIP ENHANCEMENT
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- ADVANCING SCHOLARSHIP

Our Future

The future of NFSEE depends on YOU! We need dedicated Extension professionals to guide a new generation of motivated, talented, and compassionate professionals begin the next century of service in order to continue the legacy of the land-grant mission.

NFSEE asks you to consider:

- Serving as a board member of the NFSEE organizational advisory board.
- Serving as a chapter advisor to a NFSEE affiliate at your institution.
- Providing opportunities for research and outreach partnerships with NFSEE members.
- Serving as a mentor to NFSEE members interested in Extension.
- Increasing awareness of employment opportunities in Extension for all NFSEE students.

WWW.NFSEE.ORG

Higher Education Challenge Grants Program

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: CSREES requests applications for the Higher Education Challenge Grants Program (HEC) for the 2009 fiscal year (FY). This grant is made available to stimulate and enable colleges and universities to provide the quality of education necessary to produce graduates capable of strengthening the nation's scientific and professional workforce particularly in the area of food and agricultural. The publicized amount of support available for this program in FY 2009 is approximately \$5.2 million.

Educational Need Areas for the HEC program are:

1. Curricula Design and Materials Development.
2. Faculty Preparation and Enhancement for Teaching.
3. Instruction Delivery Systems.
4. Student Experiential Learning.
5. **Student Recruitment and Retention.** This Need Area seeks to increase the number of graduates with a baccalaureate (or higher) degree in the food and agricultural sciences, through the development of new and innovative counseling, marketing, career information, and other tools that serve to: (a) increase student enrollment in disciplines with documented, critical workforce shortages; (b) target non-traditional students and students from groups that are underrepresented in the food and agricultural sciences workforce; or (c) support the development of new student retention programs focusing on the academic, social, or cultural needs of freshmen, transfer, or other at-risk students.

Projects addressing this Need Area must demonstrate how proposed activities will provide more efficient and effective strategies than existing institutional programs to increase both the quality and quantity of targeted students.

Project funds may be used to hire peer counselors or mentors assisting with these recruitment/retention activities. Project funds *may not* be used to provide entering students with scholarships, fellowships, or other forms of financial assistance.

WHY NFSEE NEEDS YOU!

As student leaders, we feel we cannot get the word out about the opportunities in Extension until we educate future scholars about the wide-range of research and career opportunities available in Extension. Further, we believe this information will be most effectively conveyed with the support of the experts currently working in the field - YOU!

NFSEE needs:

- Your guidance
- Your expertise
- Your willingness to mentor NFSEE students about Extension
- Your willingness to serve on the NFSEE Advisory Board.

If you feel you are interested in any or all of these roles, please see one of the NFSEE officers ASAP!

IF YOU WON'T, WHO WILL? IF YOU DO, WE WILL!