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Apply to: AAUW Educational Foundation Programs, 2401 Virginia Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. (Forms will be sent out only on direct request from prospective applicants who give sufficient information to establish their eligibility.)

Resources for the Future in Washington, D.C. announce two Fellowship Grant programs:

Gilbert F. White Fellowship Program - the award is open to individuals who will have completed their doctoral requirements by the beginning of the 1984-85 academic year. Fellowships with a stipend of \$24,000 will be awarded for a minimum of 9 months and a maximum of 12 months. Applications are available from: Emery N. Castle, President, Resources for the Future, 1755 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

The RFF Small Grants Program - these small grants to be awarded each year are for the support of research on issues related to the environment, natural resources or energy, and must be focused on research. Researchers of all nationalities are eligible for grants. The maximum grant will be \$30,000, but most grants will be for smaller amounts. Projects should run for at least 2 months and not more than two years. Apply to: Mrs. Jean Schanz, Resources for the Future, 1755 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

The above grant programs have an application deadline of March 1, 1984. Awards will be announced April 1, 1984.

ANY NEWS?

Do you know of a job, a meeting, or a paper which would interest our members? Do you have an opinion you would like to share? If so, write a brief notice for our newsletter. Send it to either Deb Brown or Edna Loehman, Dept. of Ag. Econ., Krannert Bldg., Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907.

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST FEDERAL FEMALE AG. ECONOMISTS?

Katherine Rischelderfer reports in the January 1983 Agricultural Economics

Research that there were not significant salary differentials between a sample of men and women agricultural economists employed by the Federal government after accounting for education, experience, and research productivity. This is in contrast with Lee's (AJAE, 1981) study of academic employment which indicated that -- all else constant -- female ag. economists receive \$3,000 less per year than did male ag. economists in academia.

FORBIDDING THE USE OF GENDER IN INSURANCE

In a recent article in the newsletter of the American Economic Association's Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession, Barbara R. Bergmann noted:

"Women as a group do cost more to provide with pension checks of a given amount than men as a group, because on average women live to collect more checks. However, non-smokers collect more pension checks than smokers, and whites collect more than blacks. No insurance company seems to have suggested to employers that non-smokers or whites should in justice be made to live on less in their old age. Why are women the only group to have been singled out for this kind of treatment? . . .

The average date of retired women's death is about five years later than retired men's, but very few individuals live an "average" length of time. If we look at the experience of men and women who live beyond 65, about 84 percent of such men can be matched up with women who die in the same year. It is true that most of those living extra-long lives are women. The ethical question at issue is whose shoulders should bear the financial burden which these extra long-lived women pensioners create. Should that burden be borne by all pensioners of both sexes, or should it be borne exclusively by the shorter lived women?"

RESEARCH DEFINITIONS

"IT HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN....": I haven't bothered to look up the original reference.

"OF GREAT THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL IMPORTANCE": Interesting to me.

"TYPICAL RESULTS ARE SHOWN": The best results are shown.

"PRESUMABLY AT LONGER TIMES...": I didn't take the time to find out.

"THESE RESULTS WILL BE REPORTED AT A LATER DATE": I might get around to this some time.

"THE MOST RELIABLE VALUES ARE THOSE OF JONES": He was a student of mine.

"IT IS BELIEVED THAT...": I think.

"IT IS GENERALLY BELIEVED THAT...": A couple of other guys think so too.

"IT MIGHT BE ARGUED THAT...": I have such a good answer for this objection that I shall now raise it.

"IT IS CLEAR THAT MUCH ADDITIONAL WORK WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE A COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING": I don't understand it.

"CORRECT WITHIN AN ORDER OF MAGNITUDE": Wrong.

"IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT THIS WORK WILL STIMULATE FURTHER WORK IN THE FIELD": This paper is not very good, but neither are any of the others on this miserable subject.

"THANKS ARE DUE TO JOE GLOTZ FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THE EXPERIMENT AND TO JOHN DOE FOR VALUABLE DISCUSSIONS": Glotz did the work and Doe explained what it meant to me.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

A list of job opportunities for economists and ag. economists appears in the American Economics Association's Job Openings for Economists (JOE), which is published seven times a year. The subscription rate is \$15 for regular members or \$7.50 for junior members. For further information write to JOE, American Economic Association, 1313 21st Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37212.

USDA has an opening for an agricultural economist, GS-110-12 (Announcement No. WA-AG-3-19) pay level \$29,374. Location is Economic Research Service, National Economics Division, Economic Indicators and Statistics Branch, Farm Firm Analysis Section, Washington, D.C. Apply to: U.S.D.A., Economics Management Staff, Examining Unit, Room 1443, South Building, 14th and Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250, call (202)447-7638 for information on application forms.

Office of Economic Analysis, USAID/Haiti, is often looking for economic consultants as well as graduate student interns in various agricultural economics fields. Prefer people with working knowledge of French. Send resume to: Dr. Shirley Pryor, Department of State, Port-au-Prince (AID), Washington, D.C. 20520.

EPA has openings for Ph.D. economists to estimate environmental benefits in their Office of Policy, Planning, and Evaluation. Especially interested in limited term (1-2 year arrangements). Apply to: Robert Raucher, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, S.W., PM-220, Washington, D.C. 20460. Phone: (202)382-2725.

Texas A and M, Prairie View has two positions open: (1) Assistant or Associate Professor with emphasis on farm management and production economics; (2) Research Associate with computer and quantitative skills. For both, apply to: Dr. Alfred L. Parks, Coordinator, Dept. of Ag. Econ. and Rural Soc., Prairie View A and M University, Prairie View, TX 77446. Phone: (409)-857-3016.

U.S. Department of the Interior has openings for Natural Resource Ph.D. Economists in their Office of Policy Analysis. Apply to: Ms. Kathleen Stewart, Dept. of the Interior, Room 5454, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Oklahoma State University, Department of Agricultural Economics has 3 positions open: 1) A research and teaching position in International Trade. Rank is Assistant or Associate Professor. Required: Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics/Economics. 2) An extension position in Farm Management. The rank is Assistant or Associate Professor. Required: Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics/Economics. 3) A research and teaching position in Water Resource Economics. Rank is Assistant or Associate Professor. Required: Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics/Economics.

For all, apply to: Dr. James E. Osborn, Head, Department of Agricultural Economics, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74078.

The Economic Research Service, USDA, has a vacancy for a Ph.D. Ag. Economist (GS-110-12, \$29,374/year) in the International Economics Division, Trade Policy Branch, Commodity Policy Section. Requires: 1 year professional experience at GS-11 level or above. Closing Date is 1/2/84. Apply to USDA Management Staff, Examining Unit, Room 1442 South Building, 14th and Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250. You

can phone for application forms to (202)447-7638.

The University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences is seeking a Visiting Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor. Requires: Ph.D. in Ag. Econ. and experience in extension work. Apply to: H. Evan Drummond, Acting Chairman, Food and Resource Economics, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611.

The Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has three positions open: (1) Assistant Professor responsible for participation in the research and extension phases of the Department's price and outlook work. Requires Ph.D. in Ag. Econ., Econ., Operations Research, or related field. (2) Assistant Professor in Quantitative Methods. Requires expertise in both the theoretical and applied aspects of mathematical programming, Ph.D. in Ag. Econ., Econ., Operations Research, Business Administration, or related field. (3) Assistant Professor in the area of Farm Management/Production Economics. Requirements are the same as for position above. For all, apply to: Dr. Wesley D. Suits, Dept. of Ag. Econ., University of Illinois, 305 Mumford Hall, 1301 Gregory Drive, Urbana, Illinois 61801.

Michigan State University Department of Resource Development has a vacancy for a Research Associate, 100% research. Requires a Ph.D. in Resource Econ., Ag. Econ., or Econ. Apply to: Dr. Daniel E. Chappelle, Dept. of Resource Development, 323 Natural Resources Dept., Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824.

Systems Research Project, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164-6230. Phone (509)335-2933.

The position of the Head of the Department of Agriculture is sought by East Texas State University. Requires: a doctorate in agriculture or an agricultural-related area, demonstrated teaching excellence, administrative and leadership ability, and a record of scholarly productivity. Apply to: Dr. Arlen Zander, Chairman, Agriculture Search Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, East Texas State University, Commerce, TX 75428. Phone: (214)886-5174.

A position is available as the Executive Director of the Agricultural Institute of Colorado State University. Requires: an earned doctorate; demonstrated accomplishment in teaching, research, service, and extension; experience in administration of research and extension; broad knowledge of agriculture; and ability to organize university resources to address multidisciplinary agricultural issues. Apply to: Jay M. Hughes, Chairman, Agricultural Institute Executive Director Search Committee, College of Forestry and Natural Resources, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523. Phone (303)491-6675.

University of California-Davis has two tenure track positions for Assistant Professors -- one in Managerial and Cooperative Economics, one in Consumer Economics. Both jobs are 50% teaching and 50% research. Apply to: Dr. Warren Johnston, Chairman, Dept. of Ag. Econ., University of California, Davis, CA 95616.

University of Georgia has an opening for an Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics (100% research) specializing in grains and oil seeds.

Requires: Ph.D. in Ag. Econ. or Econ. Apply to: Dr. Joseph C. Purcell, Head, Dept. of Ag. Econ., Georgia Experiment Station, Experiment, Georgia 30212.

The Graduate School of Administration at the University of California-Davis, is seeking to fill six positions: (1) international trade, finance; (2) agricultural marketing; (3) ag. policy; (4) information systems; (5) accounting; and (6) finance. Apply to: Gary M. Walton, Dean, Grad. School of Administration, University of California, Davis, CA 95616.

Southern Illinois University has an opening for an Assistant Professor of Ag. Econ., specializing in research and service. Requires: Ph.D. in Ag. Econ. Apply to: Dr. William Herr, Agribusiness Economics Dept., Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901.

The College of Agriculture at Southern University has an opening for an Assistant Professor in the department of Ag. Econ. Requires: Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics or Economics, specializing in farm management/production. Apply to: Dr. Dewitt Jones, Chairperson, Department of Ag. Econ. and Agribusiness, Southern University and A & M College, Baton Rouge, LA 70813.

Colorado State University is announcing its Dean position in the College of Agricultural Sciences. An earned Doctorate is required as well as demonstrated accomplishment in teaching, research and extension, leadership ability, and the ability to work harmoniously with students. Apply to: William H. Johnson, Chair, Search Committee for Dean of Agricultural Sciences, College of Professional Studies, 104 Gibbons, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523. Phone: (303)491-7034.

The Illinois Cooperative Extension Service has three positions available: (1) Area Extension Advisor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The candidate, who must hold a M.S. in Ag. Econ. or related field, will be responsible for providing organization, educational and technical assistance to local government elected officials regarding public services and computer software applications. (2) Area Extension Manager, Business Management, Coop. Extension Service, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, working in Benton, Illinois. A M.S. degree is required, and the individual will be responsible for developing new programs in small business assistance and management, interpreting needs, provide counseling, and giving technical assistance to small business. (3) Area Extension Advisor, Business and Economic Development, Cooperative Extension Service, working in Edwardsville, Illinois. A candidate having an M.S. will provide assistance in analyzing the overall potential for economic development in Southern Illinois. Apply to: Carol Rebbe, Personnel Officer, Illinois Coop. Extension Service, College of Agriculture, University of Illinois, 115 Mumford Hall, 1301 West Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL 61801.

The University of Delaware needs an Assistant Extension Specialist in Farm Management for a one-year appointment. The Assistant Farm Management Specialist is responsible for the development, leadership, and implementation of statewide educational programs regarding Federal Crop Insurance for vegetable crops, grains, and soybeans. A Ph.D. degree is required. Apply to: Dr. Richard E. Fowler, Coop. Extension Service, Agricultural Hall, Univ. of Delaware, Newark, DE 19711.

NORCUS has two research positions for post-doctoral or advanced Ph.D. candidates in economics. The one-year appointment is with Pacific Northwest

Laboratories/Ballellé in Richland, Washington. Responsibilities will include: supporting efforts to estimate the benefits and costs of alternative policies designed to reduce acid deposition, and supporting efforts to assess the societal benefits and costs of siting high level nuclear waste repositories. Apply to: NORCUS, Joint Center for Graduate Study, 100 Sprout Road, Richland, WA 99352.

WOMEN IN ERS by Mary Ahearn

As of November 1983, there were 84 women out of the more than 500 social science researchers employed in the Economic Research Service (ERS), USDA. Sixty of these women obtained their degrees in agricultural economics or economics. There are 18 women with Bachelor's degrees, 26 with Master's, 3 A.B.D., and 13 women with Ph.D.'s in an economics discipline. The remaining 24 women were trained in a variety of disciplines, i.e., sociology, statistics, mathematics, geography, public administration, law, home economics, and political science. (However, many of these women are in the economists job series.) By degrees, the 60 women trained in economics have the following mean grade level: 9.5 for B.S. or B.A., 11.4 for M.S. or M.A., 11.3 for A.B.D., and 12.9 for Ph.D.'s. A curious finding is that women trained in economics have a lower mean grade level than women trained in other social sciences at every degree level. However, this comparison does not control for years of experience which may be a factor in the grade differences.

A new Ph.D. can expect to earn a beginning salary of over \$29,000 (GS-12). Positions in ERS vary by the mix of responsibilities, such as staff work, short-term, intermediate-term, or long-term research projects. Supervisory responsibilities generally increase with grade level. The ERS career ladder moves from a mix of total research

and/or staff work, to project leader with some supervisory responsibility at the GS-13 level, to a principal investigator-type leadership position, with additional supervisory responsibility. The entry-level for the latter positions is GS-14 at an annual salary of over \$40,000. Currently, there are five women economists at the GS-14 and above levels in ERS. Most women in ERS earn their degrees from land-grant universities. The University of Maryland has more alumni among the women economists than any university, followed by Penn State, Illinois, Michigan, and George Washington U. Information on current job openings can be obtained by contacting Margaret Chandler, ERS Personnel, USDA, South Bldg., Rm. 1444, 12th and Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250. Phone (202)447-4471.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

We are still looking for a new name for our Committee on Opportunities for and Status of Women in Agricultural Economics. Can you make a suggestion for a name which will have a different acronym from COWOP? If so, please send your suggested name to:

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