



## Iowa State University Department of Economics

Friday, August 11, 2017

### **Announcements**

#### [Iowa State seeks 7 percent tuition hike for each of next 5 years](#)

Iowa State University would increase its resident undergraduate tuition by 7 percent in each of the next five years under a proposal unveiled Aug. 9, 2017 by interim ISU President Ben Allen.

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#### [NAS nominations now open](#)

The National Academy of Sciences is accepting nominations for a 2018 award presented in economics. NAS membership is not required to nominate candidates or to be considered for an award. Please help spread the word that the nomination process is underway!

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### **Department Highlights**

#### [USDA-ERS young professionals visit campus](#)

A group of young professionals in USDA's Economic Research Service took a four-day tour of Illinois and Iowa last week, including a visit to the ISU campus. Rich Nehring, a USDA-ERS agricultural economist from Washington D.C., organized the tour that started in Chicago.

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### [Industrial cities need to look forward, not back](#)

David Swenson, associate scientist, and Liesl Eathington, assistant scientist, were interviewed by Jason Margolis for a story on Public Radio International about the plight of Midwestern towns like Newton, Iowa.

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### [Report: Ag economy adjusting to historical returns](#)

Wendong Zhang, assistant professor, and a recent ISU report on the current ag economy were cited in an editorial by Brendan Sullivan, *The Omaha World-Herald*, "Current ag economy downturn shouldn't mirror the bad days of the '80s."

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### [High Plains farmers recover from wildfires: Kauffman](#)

Nathan Kauffman (Ph.D. '12 economics), Assistant Vice President and Branch Executive at Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, was quoted in a July 31, 2017 *High Plains/Midwest Ag Journal* article on banks' role in helping High Plains farmers who are recovering from widespread wildfires earlier this spring.

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### [Study: Disaster looms on America's waterways](#)

Burton English (Ph.D. '81 ag economics) was cited in a July 27, 2017, *Wall Street Journal* article.

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## **Funding Opportunities** [U.S. Embassy Havana Cuba PAS Annual Program](#)

Maximum Award: \$100,000

Submission Deadline: **Aug. 15, 2017**

Scientific Research is a non-allowable expense.

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### Kauffman Dissertation Fellowship - Call for Proposals

The Kauffman Foundation will award up to 20 Dissertation Fellowship grants of \$20,000 each to Ph.D., D.B.A. or other doctoral students for the support of dissertations from a wide range of fields on topics related to entrepreneurship.

Deadline: **Aug. 16, 2017**

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### **Upcoming Event**

#### Economics Department Convocation

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

Begins: 3:15 pm

Remarks: 3:40 pm

368A Heady Hall

Refreshments will be available.

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