



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Center for Regional Food Studies

2019-2020 Annual Theme



In honor of our partnership with the Dunbar Pavilion on the Dunbar Wellness Project, we selected the theme of *Just* Nourishment to guide our annual programming.

CRFS News

UA Center for Regional Food Studies Call for Funding Requests: CRFS Student Awards May 15th, 2020 Applications due

The UA Center for Regional Food Studies (CRFS) is offering up to 3 student awards of \$500 to any UA graduate or undergraduate student in support of any food-related research or

educational activity. Awards are intended for those whose current coursework or research activities have been jeopardized by circumstances related to COVID-19.

Funds can be used to cover tuition costs or other expenses related to the successful completion of planned academic work related to food during summer 2020.

If awarded funding, recipients will be expected to file a 1-2-page report describing how the funds helped to support your academic goals and/or research.

Students from all departments, disciplines and backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

How to apply

Please submit the following as one PDF to assistant director, Dr. Laurel Bellante, by email at: bellante@email.arizona.edu by May 15th, 2020.

Basic information, including

- Full name; mailing address; phone number; email address; UA Net ID and student ID number
- A current resume or CV
- A one-page essay briefly describing how funding will support your educational goals and/or research. For those applying for emergency student support funding, please describe COVID-related circumstances that present a barrier to your continued studies, including what research, projects, and/or coursework is planned and how financial support will be used to enable study.
- As part of your application, please be sure to articulate how your current research or program of study aligns with the mission and goals of CRFS (see our website: <https://crfs.arizona.edu/>)

Notification process

Candidates who apply will be notified by May 30th and funds will be disbursed within 6 weeks of award notification.

Please direct any questions to CRFS assistant director, Dr. Laurel Bellante, at bellante@email.arizona.edu.

The 2019-2020 State of the Tucson Food System report is now available. This year we focused our research efforts with communities in Southern Arizona. Please access both English and Spanish versions of the report below, along with videos of each report. Both versions, including PowerPoint presentations, can be found on the [CRFS website](#).

[2019-2020 Food System Report \(English\)](#)
[2019-2020 Food System Report Video \(English\)](#)



[2019-2020 Food System Report \(Spanish\)](#)
[2019-2020 Food System Report Video \(Spanish\)](#)



The Udall Center Fellows Program presents:
**Reconceptualizing the State of the Tucson Food
System Report: Using Community-based
Collaborative Research to Reclaim Community Food
Systems in the Arizona-Sonora Borderlands**

Megan Carney, 2019-20 Udall Center Fellow Assistant Professor, School of Anthropology Director, Center for Regional Food Studies

On **Wednesday, April 29th**, CRFS Director Megan Carney will be leading a virtual discussion through the Udall Center on the process of doing this year's report and findings. **Please [REGISTER HERE](#) by Tuesday,**

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**Wednesday, April 29, 2020
12:00-1:30 PM**

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The biennial State of the Tucson Food System (STFS) report seeks to support the efforts of diverse social actors and institutions working across various sectors of the Sonora-Arizona borderlands food system by collecting and synthesizing the most recent data available to underscore successes, problems, and barriers. To create a document that reflects diverse voices of engaged community members in southern Arizona, from 2019 to 2020 the Center for Regional Food Studies reconceptualized the State of the Tucson Food System report to foreground the voices of community-based collaborators. Six community members from the towns of Nogales, Cochise, and Ajo were recruited and trained to partner with the center, and implement a series of structured community dialogues. The community dialogue guides were informed by the **Whole Measures for Community Food Systems** (2009) toolkit that uses a values-based approach to examine nuances of the many indicators that contribute to the overall health and success of a community and its food system. This toolkit offers one means to documenting change in the Sonora-Arizona regional food system and through a process that can be revised and replicated over time by assembling data around six values-based fields: **Vibrant Farms, Healthy People, Justice and Fairness, Thriving Local Economies, Sustainable Ecosystems, and Strong Communities**. This presentation highlights the process of forming a regional network of community-based collaborators and offers some preliminary results that will inform the 2020-2021 State of the Tucson Food System Report.

Please [REGISTER HERE](#) by Tuesday, April 28, 2020.

[Click here to learn more about the Udall Center Fellowship Program!](#)



Regional News, Announcements and Job Opportunities

Call for Urban Native and Indigenous Families that need assistance

Wish list priority will be given to:

- * Elders, disabled and those with limited mobility
- * Those that have a health condition that puts them at risk, such as respiratory issues/asthma, diabetes, cancer, etc.
- * Caregivers providing in-home healthcare to a family member that is in the vulnerable health category



To send in your wish list please fill out the following form:

<https://forms.gle/o2XkyKjT-Jh9dXhTv7>

About us:

We are a collective of native organizations that have come together to meet the needs of urban Native and Indigenous peoples in Southern Arizona during COVID-19

Call for Donations GIVE TODAY

With funds raised we will be placing online orders to fulfill these wishes to the best of our ability based on available store supplies. The stores will deliver all groceries and supplies to recipients. This is to protect the health of those receiving the items as well as volunteers.

Thank you for helping out urban American Indians in Southern Arizona at this unprecedented time of need! Stay safe and healthy

Donate to our GoFundMe at [gf.me/u/xtuz8t!](https://www.gofundme.com/u/xtuz8t!)

For more information, please contact us
Felina@arizona.edu or Erikpeaches@email.arizona.edu



Alianza Indígena Sin Fronteras
Indigenous Alliance Without Borders



We know that these last few weeks have been challenging for everyone. Whether you're stuck at home, remotely caring for an ill loved one, or experiencing economic instability, we're sure that you're experiencing the impacts of the pandemic in ways that no one could have predicted.

The actions that we have had to take as a result of COVID-19 have engendered an immense financial impact on the farm. The forced cancellations have caused a significant portion of our yearly revenue to evaporate overnight. Program fees account for about fifty percent of the farm's annual income and it is this revenue that we draw on to pay our staff, purchase seeds, gas up the trucks, and cover all of the many expenses necessary to run an educational farm.

Our [Adopt a Row](#) program makes it easier than ever to support the farm and your business or a loved one at the same time. Click [here](#) for more information about our [Adopt a Row](#) program or [here](#) to make a [general gift](#).

[Adopt a Row Now!](#)

LFA's Small Business Relief Fund

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Local First Arizona and its community partners are launching a fund to provide mini-grants to Arizona's smallest, locally owned, independent enterprises. We are calling upon the community to help our entrepreneurs by donating to the fund. Each donation is tax deductible and supports a family owned business by providing a mini-grant that offers much needed financial support through the duration of this crisis.

For more information or to make a contribution, please visit our [website](#).

Healthy Communities Programs Manager

Pinnacle Prevention is seeking a full-time Healthy Communities Programs Manager who will manage all aspects of our healthy community design and built environment initiatives for Pinnacle Prevention. The Pinnacle Prevention office is located in the heart of downtown Chandler, Arizona.

FMI and to apply, see:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/b4fc6c51401/dd8f870d-648e-4883-bdb5-02c06ba71ec9.pdf>

Other News and Calls to Action



Our members have come together to create a **mutual aid fund for food system workers**, food sovereignty organizers fighting for a better food system, and students displaced and hungry due to campuses closing. We're proud to share the result: the [#WeFeedUs Fund](#).

We need YOUR help! Our goal is to raise \$20,000 in order to distribute at least 100 food grants.

People working in the food chain can request any amount, up to \$200.

1. **Contribute:** You can contribute what you can to the fund, every bit will help us reach our goal and ensure that the workers who work hard to feed us are fed! Go to bit.ly/WeFeedUsContribute to make a donation.
2. **Amplify:** Help us amplify the campaign on social media by sharing our posts on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). Please include these hashtags: #WeFeedUs #UNRMovement #Rise4FoodSovereignty #WeFeedUsFund #MutualAid. You can also help more people see our posts on Facebook and Instagram by commenting at least 3 WORDS.
3. **Lend Your Story:** If you or your loved ones are workers in the food supply chain, food sovereignty organizers fighting for a better food system, and/or students displaced and hungry due to campuses closing; please consider sharing your personal story about your experience during COVID-19. Post on your personal social media pages with a link to for folks to contribute

at bit.ly/WeFeedUsContribute using the hashtags: #WeFeedUs #UNRMovement #Rise4FoodSovereignty #WeFeedUsFund #MutualAid. We also invite you to fill out our request form for what you need at bit.ly/WeFeedUsRequest.

4. **Link Up Others:** Help us link up with other donors and with food system workers in need of this aid. Share the contribution information with 5-10 people whom you know may be able and willing to chip in what they can. Go to bit.ly/WeFeedUsContribute to give. If you know someone personally in need of this fund, PLEASE send them the request form, found at bit.ly/WeFeedUsRequest.

TOGETHER, we can KEEP THE FOOD CHAIN FED! Don't just THANK the people who are growing/transporting/shelving/delivering our food... FUND THEM: #WeFeedUsFund-->
bit.ly/WFUFInfo

Please direct questions to wefeedusfund.unr@gmail.com

FOOD TBD announces an information and resource hub for Food and Covid-19

Petaluma, California – Food TBD, an information and resource hub produced by the Lexicon of Sustainability, joins with Vanessa García Polanco, a graduate student at Michigan State University (MSU), today to announce [FOOD AND COVID-19](#), an online community platform for food system responses to Covid-19.

The site consists of two sections. The first is organized by resources. The second is place-based and allows community organizations, NGOs and food policy councils to create dedicated areas for rapid response.

To join the Food and Covid-19 online community, simply click on this link: <https://foodtbd.mobilize.io>. It will guide you through a simple one screen registration process, then grant you access to the site where you can join others in helping respond to this crisis. To just see the list of articles and resources, go [here](#).

A Green Stimulus to Rebuild Our Economy An Open Letter and Call to Action to Members of Congress

Read the whole call (and sign on if you agree) [here](#).

As a nation we face three converging crises: the COVID19 pandemic and the resulting economic recession; the climate emergency; and extreme inequality. Unemployment is rising at the fastest rate since the 2008 crash, and could eventually reach 20% — twice as high as the Great Recession. We need immediate and sustained intervention to protect people's health and economic well-being, with a special focus on the most vulnerable. We must also begin planning our economic recovery in a way that protects us from the impact of climate change and lifts up workers and frontline communities...[click here](#) to read further.

JAFSCD Call for Essays “COVID-19 and the Food System”

Submission Deadline: Anytime before September 30, 2020

When ready to submit, complete the query form:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/jafscd-query>

Learn more about JAFSCD: <https://FoodSystemsJournal.org>

JAFSCD is calling for TWO TYPES OF SUBMISSIONS related to COVID-19 and the Food System:

1. **Voices from the Grassroots** essays from front-line food and farm organizations.
2. **Research papers** covering a wide range of topics. Collaborations that include nonprofit and academic co-authors are required. Applied research papers (case studies, surveys, and the like) should examine the impacts on the food system as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic or considering future crises, revealing weaknesses of and opportunities for the system and informing strategic food system planning and public policy going forward.

Contact JAFSCD editor in chief Duncan Hilchey, duncan@lysoncenter.org, [with comments or questions](#).

New Report on a Sustainable Food System for the European Union released by SAPEA (Science Advice for Policy by European Academies)

The SAPEA (Science Advice for Policy by European Academies) publishes report on a sustainable

food system for the European Union: <https://www.sapea.info/topics/sustainable-food/>. Food systems have complex social, economic and ecological components, and radical transformation is needed to make them sustainable. This report from SAPEA lays out the science on how that transition can happen in an inclusive, just and timely way.

UA Graduate Student Survey "Assessing the Range of Graduate Student Concerns"

Many UA graduate and professional students worry about our their future work as UA's financial situations change. The goal of the survey, "Assessing the Range of Graduate Student Concerns" is to obtain information about the concerns of the University of Arizona graduate and professional student population due to the recent COVID-19 pandemic and University of Arizona budgetary decisions. Our objective is to bring a unified graduate and professional student voice to University of Arizona administrators and influence decision making.

This survey can be completed in 5 to 10 minutes, all questions are optional, and all responses will be entirely anonymous. **Please complete this survey by 10:00 PM on Friday, April 24th.**

Complete survey here: https://uarizona.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6J3qLKUdpAbzY4B

The students who wrote this welcome new participants. Please email
uagradstudents@protonmail.com

Send Us Your News!

Do you have a piece of news you would like to circulate on the CRFS newsletter? Do you have a new book out? Won an award? Recently wrote a public-facing essay, an op-ed, or appeared in an interview? We'd love to share your news and keep our network informed of each other's successes, recent work, and/or initiatives. **Please send your news items for inclusion in our newsletters to our Assistant Director, [Laurel Bellante](#).**

Please visit the [Food Studies Website](#) for more information about the Bachelor of Arts in Food Studies

Please visit the [Nutrition and Food Systems Website](#) for more information about the Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Food Systems

