

2022 Kentucky Local Food Systems Summit

March 23, 2022

UK Kroger Field

Poster Session Call for Submissions

Abstracts review begins February 15, final due date March 1, 2022

Who should submit an abstract? Anyone is welcome to submit a poster presentation idea for the 4th Annual Kentucky Local Food Systems Summit on March 23, 2022 at UK's Kroger Field. We especially encourage undergraduate students, graduate students, and student organizations doing research, outreach, and service projects related to local food systems. Abstracts review will begin February 15 and applicants will be notified soon after if their poster is accepted. Abstracts received after February 15 will be reviewed upon receipt with final submission date March 1. *Please note, due to conference facility layout we are only able to accommodate eight poster presentations. Applicants are encouraged to submit abstracts before February 15.*

What do you mean by "local food systems"? Local food systems span everything from farm to fork, and they span technical, business, behavioral, and societal aspects. The common link is food produced and consumed by people in a limited geographic area.

Where and when? Posters will be displayed in the Kroger Field Longship Club, which is a large banquet room centered on the 50 yard line and offering a view of the stadium and field. Posters will be displayed all day during the Kentucky Local Food Systems Summit. We ask presenters to be present from 12:00 to 1:30 for the Lunch+Networking+Poster Session for discussion as Summit attendees view the posters.

How to submit a poster abstract: *In one page or less, please include the following:*

- The purpose, activities, and outcomes of the work you would like to present
- How the work relates to local food systems
- The presenter's name, collaborators' names if any, and the department, group, or organization you are affiliated with
- How you will make the poster visually appealing and interesting to a general audience.
- *Please send submissions to Krista Jacobsen (krista.jacobsen@uky.edu).*

Krista will contact you soon after you submit your poster presentation idea to let you know if it was selected. The main selection criteria are closeness of fit with the Summit's local food systems theme, diversity across the many aspects of local food systems, and diversity across

the many types of work and people involved in local food systems. You may read more about the conference and this year's session themes on the [conference website](#).

If your poster abstract is accepted:

- You will be required to print your poster. Suggested poster dimensions are 24" tall by 36" wide to fit provided tripod and poster boards.
- Tripods and poster boards for temporary mounting will be supplied for displaying posters.
- Krista will provide any support or feedback you might like to frame your poster for this diverse audience of food systems practitioners.
- You will receive a scholarship to register for the Summit and enjoy a day filled with great sessions, networking, and of course, great local food! [Learn more about the Kentucky Local Food Systems Summit here.](#)

The Food Connection @ UK
invites proposals for
Student Opportunity Grants
due March 30, 2022

The Program: The University's agreement with Aramark to operate UK Dining created an endowment to enhance student opportunities for study of food and food systems, and which contribute to the Food Connection's mission of promoting vibrant and sustainable agro-food systems. Proceeds of the endowment are distributed by the Food Connection at UK through this grants program.

Proposals clearly related to food or food systems will be accepted from any program at the University of Kentucky, until March 30. Priority will be given to proposals which advance undergraduate or graduate student research, innovation in instruction, experiential education, community engagement, or co-curricular activities.

Projects in food technology, food economies, food and culture, nutrition, health, or food production will all be considered. Multi-disciplinary projects are encouraged as are projects from the social and life sciences, arts, and humanities that address food systems in creative ways.

Eligibility: Proposals must include a University of Kentucky faculty or staff member as project leader or co-leader. Projects may be initiated or co-led by students, so long as a faculty or staff leader is identified. Students may be named and listed as co-leaders or participants; however proposals will not be accepted if the specific student participants have yet to be identified.

Collaborators and co-leaders may include individuals not employed by or enrolled at the University. Community engagement will be a positive factor in proposal evaluation. Please note that in the case of non-UK collaborators all financial arrangements must be administered and facilitated by the department or unit of the UK lead.

Project leaders who have received awards in previous years may submit, but must attach final or progress reports to new proposals.

Project Funding and Requirements: This is an annual program that funds projects to be completed by the end of the following fiscal year. A maximum of \$5,000 per student participant will be considered. Grants benefiting multiple students may be awarded for as much as \$10,000. Funds must be expended in FY23 (to be completed by July 1, 2023).

Operating costs, travel, small equipment and student compensation may be included in budgets. However, student stipends or wages may not exceed \$1,500/semester for undergrads, \$2,500 for grad students.

Project leadership must include a UK faculty or staff member whose home unit/department agrees to manage the dispersal of funds. Documentation (email or letter) from the budget officer of the home unit (department or center) confirming the willingness to manage the funds in the reimbursement grant format are a required component of the application packet.

IMPORTANT TO KNOW: This is a reimbursement grant; funds are not distributed up front. Funds are normally distributed at project completion by reimbursing project expenditures made from the leader's unit budget. Other arrangements can be considered when essential.

A final report must be completed and all funds encumbered within 1 year of the award starting date. Typically projects are funded from July 1 to June 30. Extensions or continuations will be considered for sufficient reason. Participation of leaders and/or participating students in an annual poster session open house is expected.

General Application: Proposals should be submitted as a Word file attached to an email to krista.jacobsen@uky.edu. Proposals should follow the outline below and should not exceed 6 pages in length:

1. Project Title
2. Concise summary of the project, including the project's contribution to the promotion of vibrant and sustainable agro-food systems
3. Project plan including goals, significance, methods/approach, and timeline
4. Description of student participation and resulting benefits, including number of students, how they will be selected, and their roles
5. Measures of success
6. List of team members, including leader and collaborating faculty, staff, students or community with name, title, position and concise statement of expertise or qualifications
7. Itemized budget
8. Documentation of home department demonstrating willingness to manage funds and acknowledgement of reimbursement policy.

Review and Funding: Proposals received by March 30 will be reviewed by a committee of Food Connection-affiliated faculty and staff and be considered for funding commitments during the July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 fiscal year. Email proposals or forward questions to: krista.jacobsen@uky.edu, or feel free to call 257-3921.



The Food Connection

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP IN FOOD SYSTEMS

The Food Connection Food Systems Fellowship (FC Fellowship) is a two-year, funded fellowship program to develop future leaders across food systems to work across local food value chains, from farm gate to dinner plate. Fellows will receive support to complete their Master's degrees in one of five graduate programs in the UK College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, conducting food systems research in their discipline with the guidance of one of our program mentors.

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With questions, please reach out to Krista.jacobsen@uky.edu.

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