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Staff Assembly Current e-news: Deadline nears for Educational Reimbursement (April 15), NOW conference, Statewide Conference

This is your monthly Staff Assembly e-newsletter, distributed on the second Tuesday of each month (read archived [past issues](#)). As staff members at UC Agriculture and Natural Resources, you are ALL part of [UC ANR Staff Assembly](#). We on the [Staff Assembly Council](#) help advise senior leadership and advocate on your behalf, and we also organize programs and events that promote your professional development and personal growth. (Note: Academics are members of our counterpart entity, Academic Assembly.)

Deadline is April 15 to apply for funds from Educational Reimbursement Program

If you participated or will participate in a training/development activity between Nov. 1, 2022 and April 15, 2023, the deadline to apply for financial assistance through the [Educational Reimbursement Program](#) is **5 p.m. on April 15, 2023**.

The program, provided by UC ANR Staff Assembly for career development and professional training, is open to all ANR career **staff** employees (represented and non-represented) who have completed the probationary period, as well as all UCCE County paid staff employees in good standing.

Reimbursement funds (up to \$499 per person, per cycle, dependent on number of applications received) can be used to cover course/tuition/registration fees required for certification or degree attainment, registration fees for workshops or seminars, or books and materials for career development.

For more information and instructions to apply, visit:

https://staffassembly.ucanr.edu/Subcommittees/Education_Reimbursement/

If you have questions, please email Educational Reimbursement Chair Rosa Vargas: rivargas@ucanr.edu.

Funds available for staff to attend Next Opportunity at Work (NOW) Conference

UC ANR Learning & Development will reimburse up to 10 staff for up to \$300 to attend the [Next Opportunity at Work \(NOW\) Conference](#), designed to support UC staff with career and professional development.

Organized by UC Berkeley People & Culture, this 11th annual event will take place on Thursday, June 8, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Oakland Marriott City Center.

Under the theme of “Reconnect, Recharge, Reimagine,” the conference will feature inspiring keynote speakers, workshops, community building with peers, and career planning resources. In addition, pre- and post-conference activities will be held virtually on June 5, 6, 7, and 9, including but not limited to virtual group/1:1 coaching opportunities and other activities.

[Apply for L&D funds to attend](#). Funds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis AND priority will be given to those who have not been reimbursed for this conference in the past.

As always, find more great opportunities to learn and develop your skills on the [L&D website](#).

Stop by to see us at the UC ANR Statewide Conference!

Members of the [Staff Assembly Council](#) are excited to meet everyone at the [Statewide Conference](#) (April 24-27) in Fresno. In addition to hanging out at the baseball game on the evening of April 26, we also look forward to chatting with you at our table during the [Resources Room](#) open hours.

Stop by to pick up some Staff Assembly gear, learn more about our mission and programs, and share your thoughts and ideas on [how we can better support staff](#). Also, ask us about how you can take the next step and serve in a leadership position on Staff Assembly Council (more details to come on filling these crucial positions for FY24). We can't wait to see you at the conference!

Submissions for future issues of Staff Assembly Current

We invite you to submit brief notices (150 words or less), directly related to Staff Assembly-led topics and programs, for inclusion in future issues of the Current. It will go out every month on the second Tuesday. Deadline for submissions is the last day of the previous month. Please ensure your item is relevant to all (or nearly all) UC ANR staff.

Email your submissions to Mike Hsu, SAC communications chair, at mjhsu@ucanr.edu. Thank you!