



## Woskob New Century Fund



Thanks to the vision and generosity of the Woskob family of State College, Pennsylvania, the College of Agricultural Sciences has long-standing academic relations with Ukraine. Beginning in 1991 with their first gift, the college initiated contact with what is now the

The National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine. Since then, under the auspices of the Woskob New Century Fund, the college has developed partnerships with additional universities and institutions.

With the support of the Woskob New Century Fund, the college has a comprehensive program with Ukraine focused on building capacity in Ukraine for change and growth, and building linkages in key areas (bioenergy, forestry, greenhouse and landscape contracting, agribusiness, and food science). The Woskob New Century Fund regularly supports:

### The Woskob International Research in Agriculture (WIRA) Scholars Program

Every year, the WIRA program brings two young faculty from universities in Ukraine to spend a semester at Penn State. Ukrainian faculty are paired with Penn State faculty mentors, providing guidance in teaching and research methodology. Visiting faculty from Ukraine are also regularly invited to participate in extension programs around the state and have the opportunity to engage with our producers and business leaders.

### The Woskob Speaker Series

Every spring, the Woskob New Century Fund brings a distinguished speaker to campus to generate ideas and discussion for engagement with Ukraine in the broad area of agriculture. Previous speakers have included

Steve Pifer, former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine; Cathleen Campbell, President and CEO of the Civilian Research and Development Foundation; and John Hewko, VP of the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

### Conferences in Ukraine

The Woskob New Century Fund regularly supports extension conferences in Ukraine to bring together faculty, extension educators, and other educational professionals in a networking conference to continue to build their profession. Conference attendees come from Ukraine and neighboring countries and are all alumni of faculty development programs at Penn State. In this way, Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences continues to grow its network of partners and life-long colleagues. The Woskob New Century Fund will also periodically support conferences in key areas, such as bioenergy and land-use management.

### Seed Funding

The Woskob New Century Fund firmly supports fresh and innovative ideas to bring the two countries together. To that end, the fund supports travel of faculty and staff to explore new partnerships, student and other types of exchanges.

The Woskob New Century Fund is overseen by a Coordinating Committee composed of:

- Alex and Helen Woskob
- George Woskob
- The Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences
- The Dean of the College of Liberal Arts
- The Director of International Programs in the College of Agricultural Sciences
- The Woskob Family Professor in the College of Liberal Arts

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