

Nursery, Landscape and Floral Research/Education

Call for 2019 Proposals

Each year, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture Nursery and Florist Advisory Committee (ISDA), in cooperation with the Idaho Nursery & Landscape Association, awards financial grants to support research/education efforts that would benefit the Idaho nursery, landscape and floral industry. These grants are primarily funded by the nursery industry itself through the collection of a Nursery Research Assessment Fee collected by the ISDA from each nursery license issued. Proposals are now being sought for the 2019 project year. **Proposals must be sent via e-mail or post marked on or before October 15, 2018.**

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Proposal forms and guidelines can be obtained at the ISDA Internet Web Site address listed below:
<https://agri.idaho.gov/main/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/New-Research-Proposal-and-Funding-Request.pdf>

All research/education proposals should be for **one-year duration only**.

A brief written **mid-year report** and a detailed **final report** setting forth the research/education results are required as part of the grant process. These written reports must follow specific guidelines, which are available at the above mentioned website.

Funding for all approved projects is provided in the following allotments: 50% paid upon project approval and 50% paid upon receipt and approval of the Final report. For approved projects totaling less than \$5,000.00, funding will be paid upon project approval.

Research/education project proposals are reviewed, evaluated and prioritized by the members of the Idaho Nursery and Florists Advisory Committee, which consists of representatives from the nursery and floral industry, the University of Idaho, and ISDA. Final approval and grant awards will be made by the Committee in January of 2019.

While all submissions are encouraged, the Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association Research Committee have compiled the following list of suggested research topics that would benefit the Idaho Nursery, Landscape and Florist industry.

- See Attached -

INLA Recommendations for 2019 Grant Projects

1. Grower practices and regimens that would increase winter hardiness in woody plants. This could include a study of overwintering containerized nursery stock and establishing a data base to determine low temperature tolerances for the root zones of various species.
2. Ways that seasonal businesses can feasibly employ workers year-round, i.e. off-season production avenues such as:
 - a. How to resource nursery/agriculture industry employees and laborers
 - b. What resources are available privately and through government?
 - c. How to navigate/apply for certain programs?
3. The effects of over-watering & over fertilization
4. Newest Tools for Diagnosing Plant Problems
5. Watering practices for healthy plants.