



Memorandum

From: Tim McGreevy, CEO
Date: 4 October 2018
Re: USADPLC Industry Research Proposals

Annual Request for Research Proposals-FY 2019-20

The USA Dry Pea and Lentil Council requests research proposals concerning dry peas, lentils, and chickpeas for the 2019-20 fiscal year. Proposals should be focused on problems and solutions concerning:

Research Strategic Plan and Industry Priorities

- I. Breeding & Genetics (Establish what we should grow)
- II. Nutrition / Health Benefits (Establish health benefits of what we grow)
- III. Crop Management / Sustainability (Establish how we should grow it)
- IV. Product Development (Establish new uses for what we grow)

Historically, the Council has approximately \$500,000 available for research proposals. Average size of the awards last year was about \$30,000 with awards ranging from \$16,000-\$45,000. The USADPLC strategic plan prioritizes the decision-making process for funding. For this funding cycle, the Research Committee has emphasized the need for more proposals from the Nutrition and Health Benefits category.

Some proposed research topics may address more than one of the Research Priorities. As an example: “Improving Nutritional Factors of Pulses through Breeding and Cropping Management”, would address three priorities. Research projects that reach across disciplines, expertise and institutions are encouraged and expected. The committee will recognize projects that address a complex research challenge with a non-reductionist, integrated approach.

The Research Committee is interested in projects that may increase research funding through matching dollars. Researchers are encouraged to submit proposals that use industry funding to gain matching funding for research via USDA grants or other special funding.

Submitted proposals are limited to six pages submitted as a single file, as follows:

Page One – Cover Page (includes)

- Proposal Title
- Principal Investigator name and contact information
- Names and contact information of co-investigators
- Total budget request including what Strategic Plan target area is addressed. If multiple priorities are addressed in the proposal, please provide a break-out for each area
- An abstract of the proposal not longer than 250 words

Pages Two and Three

- Background Information - Provide information specific to your proposal. General information about pulse crops is unnecessary.
- Description of the problem
- Description of proposed goals and objectives

Page Four – Budget

- Budget for the project
- Include justification
- In the budget statement, indicate the amount associated with each of the Research Strategic Plan Industry Priorities (I to IV)
- Include current matching funding and future prospects for research grants based on the proposed work

Page Five and Six - Principle Investigator's information

- An abbreviated (1 page) *curriculum vitae*
- An abbreviated publication records

It is the responsibility of the PI to ensure related University procedures to approve funding requests are followed and that the proposal receives approval from all appropriate institutional review boards. Please note, the USADPLC does not pay indirect costs.

Associated Timelines for this Research Grant process (subject to change).

- Release of RFP Oct 4th, 2018
- Deadline for Submission Dec 8th, 2018
- Research Review process – Feb 12-14, 2019
applicants will be asked to present a brief overview of the proposal. Presentations may be in-person or via video teleconference. The research review will be held in Fargo, ND.
- USADPLC budgeting process finalized June 30th, 2019
- FY 18-19 budgets approved by Board July 1st, 2019
- Award notices Month of July 2019
- Contracts with USADPCL and Institutions Month of August 2019
- Research and reporting activity July 2019 to June 2020
- Publications and Final reports due December 2020

The required method of submission is through the drop-box - [Submit here](#)

Proposals must be submitted through drop-box as a single file. Please ensure that the full name of any acronym used in the proposal is written out on the first instance of use.

You may also obtain the link by contacting Dr. Evy Jaconis – ejaconis@usapulses.org

Note: all information and activities associated with this RFP, proposals, review process, research presentations, published results and finding is public information. It is the responsibility of the PI to identify any information or content that is to be considered confidential.

Submissions must be received by December 8th, 2018 to be reviewed in this research cycle.

Thank you in advance for your interest in Pulse Crop Research.

Sincerely,

Tim McGreevy
CEO – USADPLC