



Northern Pulse Growers Association Research Fund Request for Proposals FY2020

Due 5:00 p.m. (Central Time) on January 20, 2020

The Northern Pulse Growers Association is seeking proposals for dry pea, lentil, chickpea, fava bean or lupin research in the areas of breeding/genetics, crop management and utilization/product development. The Northern Pulse Growers Association currently has more than \$200,000 to distribute towards research projects for the upcoming 2020 crop year.

All submitted proposals will be reviewed in February during the joint USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council and NPGA research review. To streamline the review of proposals, the NPGA will be utilizing the same format for applications as the USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council. NPGA submitted proposals will be ranked and awarded by the Association's research committee.

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

- Release of RFP 9 December 2019
- Deadline for Submission 20 January 2020
- Joint Research Review Presentations 11-12 February 2020
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 Moscow, ID.
- Award notices Mid-February
- Research and reporting activity Begin with crop year 2020 (generally April/May)
- Publications and Final reports due Upon completion of project

Submissions must be received by no later than January 20, 2020 to be reviewed in this research cycle. Submissions after the deadline will not be accepted.

Directions for Submission:

- Proposals must use the template provided and make no changes to the document format, retaining the 11-point, Times font, and single spacing. No formatting should be added or removed.
- Proposals must be submitted via dropbox as a single document in both PDF and MS Word formats. Submit here: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/e9d0nlq5rtrwn8a/AAAg55Kwbq1X0iaF-A08O3va?dl=0>
- Proposals are limited to a maximum of seven pages (not including references).
- All acronyms must be written out on the first instance of use.

Make sure to fill in the template to include the following:

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- Proposal Title
- Principal Investigator name and contact information
- Names and contact information of co-investigators if applicable
- Total budget request including percentage for each topic area

Project Description (3 pages max)

- Abstract no longer than 250 words
- Introduction and background Information - Provide information specific to your proposal. General information about pulse crops is unnecessary.
- Proposed objectives and the specific outcomes that will be addressed in the course of the project
- Rationale and significance - Description of the problem and its importance
- Research methods – Describe the methods that will be used

Budget (1-page max)

- Budget for the project
- Include justification/expected duration of the project
- Multi-year projects are generally funded one fiscal year at a time; continued funding beyond the initial year is dependent upon adequate progress and subsequent yearly funding.
- Include current matching funding and prospects for research grants based on the proposed work

Principle Investigator's information

- An abbreviated *curriculum vitae* (1-page max)
- An abbreviated publication record (1-page max)

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

***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.*

**If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact Shannon at 701-222-0128
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