



Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety

Call for Proposals 2016-2017

Deadline: October 21, 2016

The **Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety (WCAHS)** is dedicated to improving the health and safety of farmers, farmworkers and their families and communities. Agriculture is one of the most dangerous occupations in the U.S. and one of the largest industrial sectors of California. WCAHS conducts multidisciplinary research, education, and community trainings to help prevent agriculture-related illness and injury in the Western U.S.

WCAHS is soliciting small grant proposals for the 2016-2017 academic year. The overarching goal of the **WCAHS Small Grant Program** is to encourage the development of creative research and intervention projects while nurturing researchers — particularly beginning researchers — interested in improving agricultural health and safety.

Small Grant Program Objectives

- Fund short-term research projects to support the collection of preliminary data;
- Attract new investigators to the Center and field of agricultural health and safety;
- Facilitate the exploration of innovative research directions;
- Engage and mentor graduate students across multiple disciplines.

Eligibility

- Faculty with PI eligibility in the Western region (California, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii)
- PhD student in the Western region
- Applicants from Arizona, Hawaii, and Nevada encouraged
- Priority given to applications with matching funds
- Priority given to early stage investigators (as defined by NIH)

Application Procedure

Complete proposals are due by Friday, October 21, 2016 at 5pm (PST). Send proposals to agcenter@ucdavis.edu. Applicants may request proposal development mentoring from an Ag Center investigator.

Applicants may apply for one year of funding at an upper level of \$30,000. Graduate students may request up to \$10,000. Each PI may submit only one proposal. Proposals should include the following elements:

- Abstract (< 150 words written for lay audience)
- Project narrative (3 pages, indicate if IRB or IACUC approval is required)
 - o Background, specific aims, significance, methods/approach, anticipated results
 - o Statement of potential future funding sources
 - o Statement of Small Grant Program eligibility
- Budget and budget justification (personnel, supplies, and travel are allowed)
- NIH style biosketch
- Graduate student projects only: letter of support from faculty advisor

Review Criteria

The review process emphasizes scientific merit, which includes identification of a significant health- and/or safety-related problem that may be related to agricultural sources; magnitude of health and/or safety problem; innovation and use of appropriate tools and methodologies to address the question; fit with Center's goals; likelihood that the investigator will obtain extramural funding using preliminary data obtained from the project; and likelihood that the proposal will enhance the translational component of the Center.

Awardees will be expected to participate in WCAHS events and seminars and acknowledge WCAHS in publications and presentations related to funded activities.

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