



Nursery Research Grant Program 2020 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

SUBMISSIONS

Please send proposals in PDF format via email to jchin@oda.state.or.us by no later than **October 1, 2020**.

BACKGROUND

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), in cooperation with the Oregon Association of Nurseries (OAN) and other interested individuals, annually award financial grants to support research that would benefit the Oregon nursery industry. These grants are funded primarily through the Nursery Research Assessment Fee, paid to the ODA through nursery license fees. In 2020, nine projects were supported with a total allocation of approximately \$200,000.

OBJECTIVES

Grants are awarded to projects focused on the:

- Prevention and elimination of plant diseases and insect pests.
- Development and improvement of cultural methods that are beneficial to the nursery industry

FORMAT

Proposals should be a brief, 1-2 page overview. Projects should be for a one-year duration only.

Proposals must include the following information to be considered in full:

- Name of principal investigator and collaborators, name of institution, address, telephone, fax, and email information
- Project background, including justification of how this research benefits the nursery industry
- Project objectives
- Overview of methods and timelines
- Budget summaries (Indirect costs are unallowable*)

** Indirect costs are unallowable under the Nursery Research Grant Program. Indirect costs (also known as Facilities and Administrative Costs) are those costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefitting more than one (1) cost objective, and not readily assignable to the cost objective specifically benefitted, without effort disproportionate to the results achieved.*



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EVALUATION

Proposals are reviewed and prioritized by representatives from the nursery industry. A submitter may be asked to modify & re-submit a proposal if the committee decides it warrants further review. Final approval and grant awards are issued by the ODA. For additional information, visit the research page hosted by the Oregon Association of Nurseries.

DELIVERABLES

Projects approved for funding will be expected to deliver a presentation of their results to the nursery industry. A brief written mid-year progress report and a final report, detailing the research results are required as part of the grant process.

AWARDS

Recipients of the grant will be notified by E-mail by the ODA. Funding for all approved projects is provided in the following allotments:

- 50% paid upon project approval
- 25% paid upon receipt and approval of mid-year report
- 25% payment paid upon receipt and approval of a final report

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about the program or the application process, please contact Lead Horticulturist, Chris Benemann: sbenemann@oda.state.or.us.

For a list of funded projects and final reports from previous years' awardees, please visit our Nursery Research Grant Program page at <https://oda.direct/Nursery>.

Disclaimer: Per statute 571.230, collected funds are for the benefit of that specific industry and the research does not benefit the Oregon Department of Agriculture as a state agency. These research funds are collected by the ODA on behalf of growers through a licensing or surcharge fee.