



IDAHO OILSEED *Commission*

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Request for Proposals

PRODUCTION RESEARCH PRIORITIES FOR 2026

Research

- Fertility Management
 - Fertilizer recommendations around timing, rate, placement – specifically around the planting period
- Insect Pest Management – identification that may include when and where to look for pests, thresholds, application timing
 - Specifically, Flea Beetle pressure due to volunteer canola in adjacent fields
- Stand Establishment - planting dates, seeding rates/plant population
- Herbicide management strategies to avoid glyphosate resistant broadleaf and grassy weeds in Roundup Ready canola
- Chemical trials for Safflower and Mustard that include timing and rate
- Bio Stimulant Timing and Rates
- Documenting Benefits of Oilseed in Crop Rotation
 - Specifically, looking at yield comparisons in a multi-crop situation as a opposed to a monocultural
- Effectiveness of nitrogen fixation microbes
- Growth inhibitors/regulators for mustard
- Variety development
 - Winter Mustard variety
 - Canola varieties that handle acidic/high pH soils
 - Safflower varieties
- Dormant seeding for safflower

Education

- Workshops, symposiums, and conferences educating producers on oilseeds and the proper procedures to raise oilseed
- Workshops, symposiums, and conferences educating consumers

Marketing

- Market development for:
 - Mustard, Flax, Canola, or Safflower
- Trade Missions
 - In bound and out bound missions
 - Governor's mission
 - USDA trade mission



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PROPOSAL SCHEDULE

- **December 2025** RFP issued based on priorities for 2026 crop year.
- **January 30, 2026** Deadline for submission to IOC for 2026 projects. If you need additional time to complete the application, please notify Patxi Larrocea-Phillips.
- **February/March 2026** IOC Commission meeting to evaluate proposals for 2026 funding and determine needed follow-up questions. Those submitting a proposal may be asked to present their proposal at the IOC Commission Meeting in February.
- **Spring 2026** IOC Board approves final 2026 research projects and budget.
- **Spring 2026** Funding is made available to approved proposals. Final payment will be made upon receiving the progress/final report of for the funded project.

Note: For the current round of funding, the deadline will be January 31, 2026 to submit any proposals. This deadline is timely for the annual proposal and budget review. However, the IOC will also consider proposals throughout the year, though funding decisions may not occur until Winter, or may occur sooner depending on the need for funding of the project. Contact Patxi Larrocea-Phillips, Administrator, for further information.

The Commission is looking for projects that meet the current research priorities. IOC grants are open to non-profit organizations, including commodity groups/associations and farmers' groups, private enterprises such as pest consultants and food processors, university and extension programs. A progress report is due by the last Friday of October of each year of a multiple-year grant. A final report is due no later than 60 days after the project ends. Funds for grants are limited and the selection process can be competitive. Please follow the application process and format below. **Researchers competing for funds MAY be asked to present to the commissioners at their first quarterly meeting of 2026 (February or March) before funding is finalized.** Those invited to present at the annual meeting will be notified. Please prepare a 10-minute presentation regarding your research and expect no more than 5 minutes of questions.

Submit your proposal electronically (as a Word or PDF attachment) to Patxi Larrocea-Phillips (patxi@amgidaho.com) by the deadline date. **Final funding for projects will be approved at the IOC's first quarterly meeting of 2026 and notification will be made soon after.** Applicants that receive funding for multiyear projects will have those projects evaluated on a yearly basis to determine whether funding shall continue to be awarded. A multiyear award does not guarantee funding for each year of the project.



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RESEARCH PROPOSAL FORMAT INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions:

1. Proposals should be self-explanatory and easily understood by producers.
2. Address each item listed in the following format.
3. Particular focus should be paid to anticipated benefits from the project and how results will solve a problem or enhance the industry.
4. Specific project objectives are requested so they can be accomplished during the project period.
5. If a proposal is resubmitted for a continuation of research funding, the resubmitted proposal will be evaluated as a new project and a new set of objectives should be presented.
6. Maximum proposal length is four pages or less. No exceptions.
7. 1" margins all around and 12pt Times New Roman font. (Charts can be smaller if necessary and margins can vary in order for them to fit on the page.)
8. Number pages.
9. All information requested below must be included.



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IDAHO OILSEED COMMISSION RESEARCH PROPOSAL FOR 2026

New Project Proposal (Yes/No): _____ Proposed Duration (1, 2, or 3 years): _____

Project Title: _____

PI: _____

Co-PI: _____

Organization: _____

Organization: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Address 2: _____

Address 2: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Cooperators: _____

Year Initiated: _____ Current Year: _____ Terminating Year: _____

Total Project Request: Year 1 \$ _____ Year 2 \$ _____ Year 3 \$ _____

Other Funding Sources: *(If no other funding sources are anticipated, type in "None".)*

Agency Name: _____

Amount Requested/Awarded: *(Circle either amount requested or awarded)* _____

Notes: _____

Description: *(Less than 200 words, describing objectives and specific outcomes)*



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Justification and Background: *(400 words maximum)*

- Provide a statement that clearly defines the issue you plan to address
- Why you plan to address it
- State how this project relates to other projects in Idaho and the Pacific Northwest

Methodology: *(400 words maximum)*

- Anticipated length of project (weeks, months, years etc.)
- What will be done and when it will be done

Anticipated Benefits and Information Transfer: *(100 words maximum)*

- What specific benefits will result from this project for producers and/or the oilseeds industry?
- How will results be transferred to producers?

References:

Budget: *(400 words maximum)*

- Please include a brief budget narrative on how the funding will be used.