



An Invitation to the Strawberry Research Community

You are invited to submit a proposal on strawberry research for consideration by NASGA. Included with this message are guidelines for you or others at your institution, to submit proposals for potential grant funding. Please forward this invitation to your colleagues in plant horticulture, breeding, pathology, entomology and weed science. NASGA supports research in strawberry production that will benefit its grower members.

Funds to support research are derived primarily from the sale of strawberry plants and are voluntarily donated, without Market Order or Check-off, by plant nurseries throughout Canada and the United States. NASGA is sensitive to the concerns of research scientists with regard to funding, publishing and university demands. **NASGA and its Research Foundation do not pay indirect costs on awards.** However, NASGA will consider paying a portion of facilities costs and fees that are directly associated with the administration of awards. We have committed an average of over \$45,000 in research grants for each of the last 10 years. The maximum grant amount presently is \$15,000.

Proposals are reviewed by the Research Committee, consisting of academic and production representatives, and funding will be prioritized by the Board in early March of the following year. **Deadline for submission of proposals for funding is November 1st of the current year.**

Use the web link for researchers to download proposals and annual and final reports as PDF files: <http://www.nasga.org/n-american-strawberry-growers-submit-research.htm>.

You do not have to be a member of NASGA to submit proposals and receive research grants. If you are not a member of NASGA, consider joining our organization. Membership applications can be found at www.nasga.org. You can become a Professional Member of NASGA and receive a copy of our publications during the year, and discounts on attending our events. We'd welcome your participation!

Please review our **Research Priorities** before submitting your proposal. Please read the **Guidelines** available regarding our proposal submission requirements.

If you have questions about the research funding process, please contact:

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Guidelines for Submission of Research Proposals for Funding

1. **Title Page:** Include name of researcher(s), affiliation(s), address, phone and fax numbers, and email address(s). Designate whether production or marketing research.
2. **Rationale:** Beginning on a separate page, clearly state the rationale for conducting the proposed research. Cite relevant literature to demonstrate how the proposed research will contribute to the knowledge base and create benefits for growers.
3. **Objectives:** List objectives in logical sequence.
4. **Procedure:** Give sufficient details of procedures to allow the Research Committee to evaluate the proposal. For field studies, a location and description of the site, soil type, and cropping history would be useful. Include a description of the experimental design including the number of replications and proposed method of data analysis.
5. **Timetable:** Outline a timetable, which details the project completion date and anticipated submission of the final report. If funding is for multiple years, provide dates for when progress reports will be given.
6. **Budget:** Include in the budget a list of expenditures detailed as to plant material, labor, supplies and maintenance, equipment and other miscellaneous costs. The Committee looks favorably upon projects considered worthy by other institutions that provide matching funds. **The North American Strawberry Growers Association, a non-profit organization, does not pay overhead costs.**
7. **References cited.**
8. **Cooperative Agreement:** Each proposal must contain the signatures of the chair of the department, the dean of the college, or the head of the division or grant officer. Recipients of multiple year funding agree to provide NASGA with annual progress reports, due by November 1st of each year, along with the new proposal.
9. **Personnel:** List any personnel other than the principal investigator(s) along with their responsibilities relating to the project.

10. **Vitae:** A **brief** vitae of the principal investigator(s) would be useful to the committee **if** you have not submitted a proposal in the recent past.

New Proposals:

This format is recommended for proposals submitted to NASGA. Proposals that do not adequately address these points may not be considered for funding. Deadline for submission is **November 1st of the current year for funding in the following year.** Researcher(s) will be notified in the following March as to the decisions on grant awards.

Research Priorities:

A list of NASGA research priorities can be found at http://www.nasga.org/res_priorities.htm

Final Report:

Acceptance of funding for a one-year proposal commits the principal investigator(s) to submitting a final report to the committee for distribution to the members of NASGA. This report should contain a **brief** introduction to the problem, a description of the experimental design, a summary of results and conclusions. This report must be submitted to the NASGA office by **November 1st for the current year of funding.** NASGA expects an oral or poster presentation of their findings at the next NASGA Annual Meeting, or a summary article to be published in the NASGA Newsletter. Other publications or web-site articles should acknowledge support from the North American Strawberry Growers Association.

Continuation of Funding:

Research projects originally designated to continue for one or more years may receive additional funding. To be considered for funding in subsequent years of a multi-year proposal, resubmission of a proposal based on the original must be made. The resubmission should include a budget, as well as how an additional year will further add to the results.

Resubmission of the new proposal and progress report must be received by November 1st of the current year for continued funding in the following year.

Resubmissions without current progress reports will not be considered for funding.

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