

Request for Proposal

Re: Research Projects

August 16, 2017

Summary and Background

SaskCanola is currently accepting research project proposals for the 2017/18 year.

SaskCanola (Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission) is a producer led organization, established in 1991 and supported by over 26,000 levy-paying Saskatchewan canola producers. SaskCanola's vision is growing producer prosperity which we strive to achieve through a producer controlled fund that directs research, advocacy, and market development.

Project Purpose and Description

SaskCanola funds research projects on a regular basis through a variety of mechanisms, including cost-sharing with other commissions, canola producer associations, provincial and federal government initiatives.

Projects must meet the intent of the overall mandate of the commission, which is to provide value to canola producers through research, advocacy, and market development. The overarching goal of the research portfolio is to focus research expenditures on fostering innovation, decreasing production risk, and increasing sustainability, resulting in enhanced producer profitability.

Note: *If you intend to or have already submitted a letter or proposal through the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture's Agriculture Development Fund (ADF), you do not need to reapply through the SaskCanola process. Likewise, if you have already submitted a letter or proposal through the Canola Council of Canada's Canola Agronomic Research Program (CARP) system, which includes the partnership of all three prairie canola commissions, you do not need to reapply through the SaskCanola process.*

Project Scope

SaskCanola is seeking research project proposals that fall into one of three areas of interest:

- New agronomic research providing producer benefits directly by increasing profits through efficient use of inputs and management practices.
- Development of new genetic solutions or pre-breeding tools in canola to support profitable and sustainable production.

- Expanded market demand through new uses of canola seed, whether the oil or meal component.

Application Guidelines

Letters of Intent (LOI) should be a maximum length of two pages; a brief outline at this stage is acceptable. LOIs should include: project title, names and organizations of principal researchers, rationale, deliverables, relevance to producers, and a brief summary of the methodology, project duration, and approximate project cost.

Dates for the 2017/18 call for proposals

- August 16th – Call for Letters of Intent - open
- October 12th – Call for Letters of Intent - closed
- October 24th – Invitation of selected Letters of Intent for Full Proposal
- December 16th – Full proposals due
- February 17th – Announcement of award to applicants

Proposal Evaluation Criteria

SaskCanola will evaluate all proposals based on the following criteria:

- Given that the funds are generated through producer investment, the research must be shown to enhance canola producers' competitiveness, profitability and/or sustainability.
- Assuming the project adheres to the previous parameter, funds are provided to further develop agronomics, pre-breeding tools, and new uses of canola constituents.
- Efficient and effective use of resources, including partnerships and matching fund initiatives.

For more information, feel free to contact the Research Manager:

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Please Submit LOIs by October 12, 2016, to etollefson@saskcanola.com.