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AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INITIATIVE

Funding Opportunity

ANNOUNCING: Agricultural Research Institute (ARI) Grants for Agricultural Research in Academic Year 2024 - 2025

Agricultural Research Institute (ARI) funds are available to all tenured, tenure-track faculty, or research associates engaging in agricultural research. Preliminary indications are that approximately $235,000 will be available for competitive allocation in fall 2023; this amount is subject to change depending on the budget. Proposals can request up to $150,000 max.

ARI projects must have a strong link to agriculture, including forestry and aquaculture. Projects must be focused on applied research with strong industry collaboration and a goal to positively impact California agriculture, natural resources and food systems. The match requirement is 100% of the requested amount with at least 25% of this from cash and the remainder in-kind. Note that the cash match simply means that you may leverage an existing grant or contract (excluding grants supported from the CSU general fund) with funds not already committed to match on any other project. If using another grant as match, the funds must come from a project associated with your ARI Proposal. As such, ARI proposals may be used to augment the activities associated with an existing grant (e.g., NSF, USDA, etc).

Projects should span a period of performance of up to 3 years between 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2027. All recipients of an ARI grant will be expected to submit an appropriate report of the grant activity upon completion, but no later than 90 days after completion. Individuals who are funded but neglect to submit a final report on their activities will be ineligible for future funding. Any individuals wishing to receive an extension of an existing ARI grant must submit an interim report indicating the extent to which the project has been accomplished. Recipients of ARI funding will be asked to discuss their research at an appropriate campus forum. Please see the ARI 2024/2025 RFP for a complete list of research priorities.

If you have questions regarding existing ARI grants, please contact Anthony Johnson at aj27@humboldt.edu.

The Deadline for submission of campus proposals is **Thursday, November 9, 2023 by 11:59pm.**

* Please note - SPF is requiring all ARI proposals to be Institutionally Routed before PI's submit via InfoReady which can be accessed through Humboldt Engagement Hub. The internal deadline to start your Institutional Routing is no later than **November 2, 2023**. This includes the submission of two types of letters: (1) Support letters from industry, and (2) at least one reference letter. See more details on each below. Please reach out to your Pre-Award Specialist asap to coordinate both the routing and submission via InfoReady.

Reference letters: must be written by an expert in the field of study of the respective proposal (e.g. if the proposal is about diseases in oak trees, then the person writing the letter should be a plant physiologist, or a silviculturist, or a disease ecologist, or similar), who can comment on the scientific merit and methodological soundness of the proposed project. The proposed scientific approach and methodology are reviewed and actively

evaluated within the letter. Reference letters are usually written by a colleague who understands the field of study well, and might collaborate on other projects. Collaborators on the proposed ARI project are not eligible to write a reference letter.

Support letters from industry: support letters should be included from anyone whose support is necessary for the success of the project. For example, if your project will take place on private land, you'll want to include a letter from the landowner indicating support for the project and access to the land. If your project includes unpaid collaborators, you will want to include letters of support indicating the support they are willing to provide to the project.

For assistance with completing the application, or if you have any questions, please contact one of our Pre-Award Specialists: Pia Gabriel at pg12@humboldt.edu, Kaz Wegmuller at jkw77@humboldt.edu, or Jocelyne Takatsuno at jt366@humboldt.edu.

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For more information, follow the link on the left to view the full program description in Infoready, or contact our Pre-Award Specialists Pia Gabriel at pg12@humboldt.edu, Kaz Wegmuller at kaz.wegmuller@humboldt.edu, or Jocelyne Takatsuno at jt366@humboldt.edu