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## **Agriculture Funding Consortium 2021-22 Call for Research Proposals**

### **Sponsor**

Agriculture Funding Consortium (AFC).

### **Program**

2021-22 Call for Research Proposals.

### **For More Information**

For full details on the Call for Proposals, please visit <https://www.fundingconsortium.ca/> [1]

### **Description**

The Agriculture Funding Consortium (AFC) is a voluntary body that has no legal standing and is comprised of a number of organizations, each of which is responsible for establishing its own research and innovation priorities and investment mandate. Information on current areas of priority is available from each individual organization or through the following [link](#) [2]. The purpose of the AFC is a collaborative one-window approach to coordinate the application, review and funding process for proposed agriculture and food research and innovation projects and stimulate private/public sector participation in Alberta's agriculture and the food industry.

### **Eligibility**

For an application to be considered, the applicant(s) must meet the following eligibility criteria established by the AFC member organizations. The AFC consists of more than a dozen different member groups. The AFC is not a legal entity; therefore, each of the member groups (Funders) have their own distinct terms and conditions. When a LOI is successful, an applicant should be cognizant of the eligibility requirements of their anticipated Funder(s).

### **Eligible Applicants**

The applicant and the project team may be comprised of qualified researchers from the following types of organizations:

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- Provincial governments and their public agencies
- Federal government and federal crown corporations
- Non-profit research institutions
- Academic institutions, including universities, colleges, and technical schools
- Industry associations serving the agriculture, food and beverage industry
- Existing or prospective companies and supply chain partners that can increase the value and sales of Alberta products
- Other research institutions, firms or enterprises approved by the members of the AFC.

## Eligible Activities

Please consult the research priorities of each funding consortium member which can be found [here](#) [2]. Applicants are encouraged to contact funding organizations they consider relevant to their proposed project for feedback prior to submission of the LOI.

## Funding from Other Sources (cash and in-kind)

Applicants are encouraged to obtain funding from other sources to supplement the contribution of AFC members. Applicants must be transparent about additional funding requested or obtained from other organizations.

For more information on eligibility criteria, please review the [program guidelines](#) [3].

## Indirect Costs

TBD.

## Special Notes

### Confidentiality

For the purpose of co-funding, an applicant's LOI may be disclosed to other agricultural based funding agencies and organizations, with the applicant's submission. If you do not want your LOI disclosed to other potential funders, email [info@fundingconsortium.ca](mailto:info@fundingconsortium.ca). Consent is implied if there is no response. With each LOI submitted, the project title, the applicant, the funding requested, and the 'brief summary for communication' as submitted by the applicant, is considered public information and may be shared with other potential funders.

### COVID-19

Please note that research activities carried out in the context of COVID-19 need to adhere to the University of Guelph COVID-19 research principles, policies, guidelines and processes as they may be updated from time to time and communicated on the [Office of Research web-page](#) [4].

## Deadlines

**If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.**

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<b>Internal Deadline</b>	Friday, April 2, 2021 - 4:30pm	Please submit the completed LOI form along with a signed OR-5 form to <a href="mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca">research.services@uoguelph.ca</a> [5].
<b>External Deadline</b>	Friday, April 9, 2021 - 11:59pm	LOI due to sponsor through the <a href="#">On-line Application System</a> [1].  Qualified applicants are then invited to submit a full research proposal. Please inform <a href="mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca">research.services@uoguelph.ca</a> [5] if you are invited to submit a full proposal.
<b>Internal Deadline</b>	Wednesday, June 23, 2021 - 4:30pm	Please submit full proposal to <a href="mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca">research.services@uoguelph.ca</a> [5].
<b>External Deadline</b>	Friday, July 30, 2021 - 11:59pm	Full proposal due to sponsor.

## How to Apply

There is a two-stage proposal process:

### Letter of Intent (LOI) Submission

Applicants are required to submit an LOI to the AFC by April 9, 2021. The AFC members will review the LOIs; taking into consideration the [criteria for evaluating proposals](#) [3].

### Full Proposal

Only successful LOIs will be invited to submit a full proposal. Applicants will be informed by May 31, 2021 whether or not they will be invited to submit a full proposal and will be notified of the funding agency that will take the lead as a liaison between the AFC and the applicant. Full proposals are due by July 30, 2021.

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For more information on how to apply, please review the [program guidelines](#) [3].

For Questions, please contact

**Agriculture Funding Consortium**

[info@fundingconsortium.ca](mailto:info@fundingconsortium.ca) [6]

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### Links

[1] <https://www.fundingconsortium.ca/>

[2] <https://www.fundingconsortium.ca>

[3] [https://www.fundingconsortium.ca/index\\_html\\_files/2021-22%20AFC%20Guidelines.pdf](https://www.fundingconsortium.ca/index_html_files/2021-22%20AFC%20Guidelines.pdf)

[4] <https://www.uoguelph.ca/research/>

[5] <mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca>

[6] <mailto:info@fundingconsortium.ca>

[7] <mailto:knoxva@uoguelph.ca>