

BCRC: Beef Researcher Mentorship Program 2023-24

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Beef Cattle Research Council (BCRC)

Program

[Beef Research Mentorship Program](#) [1]

Description

Applications for the 2023–24 term of the Beef Researcher Mentorship Program are now being accepted.

Engaging researchers who study cattle, beef, genetics, feed or forage production with the Canadian beef cattle industry is mutually beneficial; it allows researchers to be better informed of industry needs and more likely to share their findings with a practical, solution-based focus. Facilitating and encouraging their attendance to industry events and networking with industry professionals, especially for new beef researchers from non-Canadian agriculture backgrounds, is extremely valuable.

The Beef Researcher Mentorship Program is an initiative to facilitate greater engagement of upcoming and new applied researchers with Canada's beef industry. It provides researchers with the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the needs of the beef industry in a practical and meaningful way. The program is designed to:

- align research interests with those that are practical and beneficial to Canada's beef industry,
- build the skills, network and confidence necessary to participate in or lead applied research and technology transfer efforts that enhance and accelerate innovation in Canada's beef industry, and
- facilitate collaborations that help new Canadian beef researchers establish effective applied research and extension programs.

Participants are given a travel budget and paired with innovative cattle producers or other industry professionals for a one year mentorship (September 1–August 31). Mentors help the researchers build their knowledge, skills and network through ongoing discussions and by initiating various introductions, tours and meetings. The mentors are valuable resources of information about day-to-day cattle and forage production, industry structure and influences,

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and perspectives on industry challenges and opportunities at regional and national levels.

The program complements similar programs in existence but for which some researchers may not be eligible.

The BCRC [announced](#) [2] the Beef Researcher Mentorship Program in August 2014. Funding is made available through the [technology transfer initiative](#) [3] within the second Beef Cattle Industry Science Cluster

Special Notes

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.

Type	Date	Notes
External Deadline	Monday, May 1, 2023 - 11:59pm	Those interested should apply directly through the BCRC website [1].

For Questions, please contact
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[1] <https://www.beefresearch.ca/research/mentorship-program/>

[2] <https://www.beefresearch.ca/blog/beef-researcher-mentorship-program/>

[3] <https://www.beefresearch.ca/factsheet.cfm/improving-technology-transfer-and-knowledge-dissemination-in-the-canadian-beef-industry-154>

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

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