

## **BCRC Call For Proposals: Proof of Concept and Clinical Trial Call For Proposals**

### **Sponsor**

Beef Cattle Research Council (BCRC)

### **Program**

[Call for Proposals – Proof of Concept](#) [1]

### **Description**

The Beef Cattle Research Council (BCRC) invites proposals focused on projects related to proof of concept research and clinical trials that support the sustainability and competitiveness of the Canadian beef industry. With increased investment in research through the Canadian Beef Cattle Check-off, the BCRC has committed to provide research funding in two key areas that have previously had limited funding:

1. Proof of Concept - proposals to help inform whether a concept is worth pursuing as a larger, more defined funding request
2. Clinical Trials - proposals to validate practices or technologies that have been discovered through research projects and/or to facilitate the adaptation of technologies utilized in other sectors, commodities, or countries

In developing a project proposal, applicants should consider:

- Is this valuable to the Canadian beef industry?
- Does this project have scientific merit?
- What is the potential for this concept/technology should this project prove it to be successful?
- Does this align with the priorities and outcomes as outlined in the Canadian Beef Research and Technology Transfer Strategy?

### **Eligibility**

Any individual or organization (academic institution, private industry, government or not-for-profit/non-government organization) with the ability and/or a track record of success in carrying out research projects in areas relevant to the Canadian beef industry is eligible to apply.

## Funding Availability

Match funding is encouraged but not required for proposals submitted under this call. Ideally this funding would be leveraged by other government and/or industry funds to leverage check-off investments. This funding is intended for short-term, small-scale projects and NOT to add financial support to existing funding for ongoing projects.

## Maximum Project Value

The BCRC has committed funding to short-term projects in these two areas, with a maximum of \$50,000 per project regardless of duration.

## Indirect Costs

15%

## Project Duration

Project duration should not exceed six months to one year unless a clear rationale can be provided demonstrating the need for a longer timeframe.

## 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](#) [2].

## Deadlines

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

Type	Date	Notes
<b>Internal Deadline</b>	Friday, September 16, 2022 - 4:30pm	Please submit the proposal, along with an OR-5 Form to <a href="mailto:research.services@uoguelph.ca">research.services@uoguelph.ca</a> [3].
<b>External Deadline</b>	Friday, September 23, 2022 - 11:59pm	Lead applicant must submit the proposal electronically

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		to <a href="mailto:proposals@beefresearch.ca">proposals@beefresearch.ca</a> [4].

## How to Apply

Proposals must be prepared using the [Proposal Form – Proof of Concept](#) [5], and submitted electronically to [proposals@beefresearch.ca](mailto:proposals@beefresearch.ca). [6] The form, as well as instructions and guidelines for submission, can be downloaded from [www.beefresearch.ca](http://www.beefresearch.ca). [7]

Proposal Documents:

- [Instructions and Guidelines for Submitting a Proposal – Proof of Concept](#) [8]
- [Proposal Form – Proof of Concept](#) [5]
- [Approvals and Signatures – Proof of Concept](#) [9]

## Information For Co-applicants

If you need to meet a deadline set by the lead institution for this opportunity, please ensure that you provide the Office of Research with at least five days in advance of the lead institution's deadline to review the application, or your proposed component of the project. Please be in touch with the Office of Research (contact information below) ahead of the deadline if it looks like it will be difficult for you to submit all the required documentation on time (i.e. budget, proposal, OR-5 Form).

For Questions, please contact

**BCRC**

Phone: 403-275-8558

Email: [proposals@beefresearch.ca](mailto:proposals@beefresearch.ca) [4]

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