

Beef Farmers of Ontario: Call for Letters of Intent - 2022-2023

Updated Information

Updated October 7, 2022:

1. Internal deadline: changed to Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 4:30 pm
2. External deadline: changed to Monday, October 17, 2022, 4:30 pm

Sponsor

Beef Farmers of Ontario

Program

[BFO Research Projects](#) [1]

Description

Beef Farmers of Ontario has announced a call for Letters of Intent (LOI) for research projects that will enhance the sustainability of the beef industry in Ontario. BFO is committing \$200,000 per year for each of the next three years. Following a review of LOIs, selected initiatives will be asked for a full proposal. Please note that projects must be completed by December 31st, 2025. The overarching goal of the BFO Beef Research Program is to increase the development, adaptation, assessment, and easy adoption of on-farm technologies that help beef producers respond to changing demands, and to quantify and investigate emerging issues of importance to the Ontario and broader Canadian beef industry. The BFO Research Committee recently considered both opportunities and problems facing the industry as well as current [BFO](#) [2], [OMAFRA](#) [3], and [BCRC research priorities](#) [4]. While BFO is open to all ideas and encourages creativity and out-of-the-box thinking, BFO has identified the following topics, listed in no particular order, as being of particular interest:

- Animal health and welfare
- Antimicrobial use, resistance and alternatives
- Food safety
- Forages
- Environmental sustainability
- Other:
 - Producing dairy-beef cross calves that meet market needs
 - Abattoir condemnation rates in the province
 - Feed efficiency
 - Beef quality
 - Technologies that accurately measure carcass traits of interest

- 360-degree analysis of plant-based versus livestock-based protein

As part of the BFO review process, the organization will be looking for several key factors:

- Does the proposed project address a current problem or opportunity facing the Ontario beef industry?
- Is the work likely to leverage additional dollars from other sources?
- Is there an opportunity to bring other livestock sectors into the project? Cross-organizational, cross-institutional, and cross-sector collaboration is encouraged.
- Does the proposal include a strong communications plan and, where possible, an economic analysis?

Indirect Costs

25%

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](#) [5].

Deadlines

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

Type	Date	Notes
Internal Deadline	Tuesday, October 11, 2022 - 4:30pm	Please submit a PDF copy of your LOI, along with an OR-5 Form to research.services@uoguelph.ca [6].
External Deadline	Monday, October 17, 2022 - 4:30pm	Letters of intent need to be completed electronically through the Livestock Research and Innovation Corporation's (LRIC) [7] website. Letters of Intent must be received on or before Monday, October 17th, 2022, at 4:30 pm.

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Type	Date	Notes
Internal Deadline	Monday, December 5, 2022 - 4:30pm	Please submit a PDF copy of your application to research.services@uoguelph.ca [6].
External Deadline	Monday, December 12, 2022 - 4:30pm	Those invited to full proposal must submit their application through the LRIC system.

For Questions, please contact
BFO

Please direct any questions related to the research call to Evan Chaffe by e-mail at evan@ontariobeef.com or by phone at 226-820-3940. Questions regarding the LRIC application system should be directed to Jean Howden at Jhowden@livestockresearch.ca.

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[1] <https://www.ontariobeef.com/research/process-timelines.aspx>
[2] https://www.ontariobeef.com/uploads/userfiles/files/2021_01_15%20bfo%202021-2024%20research%20strategy.pdf
[3] <https://www.uoguelph.ca/alliance/system/files/2022-23%20Research%20Priorities%20Document%20August%2010%2C%202022%20Final%20v.3.1%20AODA.pdf>

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[4] <https://www.beefresearch.ca/research/research-priorities/>

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

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

[7] <http://lric.smartsimple.ca>

[8] <mailto:kristin5@uoguelph.ca>