



## DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM 2022 SOLICITATION

*Please note that the application process has changed for the 2022 Program. Applicants now submit a Proposal Application only.*

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) is excited to announce that the [2022 Research Grants Program](#) is open for applications. To help ensure safe, effective pesticide usage in California, DPR annually funds research projects that advance integrated pest management (IPM) knowledge in wildlands, urban, and agricultural settings. The Program has a long history of [awarding diverse projects](#) that address many different aspects of IPM.

This year, the Research Grants Program has \$3.75 million in funding for projects up to 2 ½ years in length (end date of December 31, 2024). Projects with budgets between \$50,000 and \$3.75 million are invited to apply.

Do you want to be a part of DPR's mission to protect human health and the environment by fostering reduced-risk pest management practices and supporting the state's transition to sustainable pest management? [Apply today!](#)

If you would like to receive updates on DPR's Research Grant Solicitation please sign up for our listserv at <https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/dept/listserv/listdesc.htm>.

### DATES AND DEADLINES

- **Early September 2021** – Solicitation period opens; DPR begins accepting Proposal Applications
- **Thursday, September 16, 2021 (10:00 - 11:00 am PDT)** – DPR-hosted virtual information session #1
- **Thursday, October 14, 2021 (10:00 - 11:00 am PDT)** – DPR-hosted virtual information session #2
- **Wednesday, November 10, 2021, (1:00 - 2:00 pm PDT)** – DPR-hosted virtual information session #3
- **Thursday, December 9, 2021 (5:00 pm PST)** – Final application deadline
- **Thursday, February 10, 2022 (9:30 am PST)** – Pest Management Advisory Committee (PMAC) Research Grants proposal review meeting
- **March 2022** – Funding decision emails sent out

- **Friday, July 1, 2022** – Earliest project start date pending full execution of grant agreement
- **December 31, 2024** – Latest project end date

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. The project must primarily benefit the people of California.
2. The project must not mention, promote, or disparage a pest control brand or trade name in a deliverable or use the image of a product in a deliverable. Active ingredient names must be used instead.
3. All applicants, principal investigators, key personnel, subawardees, subcontractors, and consultants must meet all eligibility requirements and be eligible to contract with DPR.
4. All grantees, principal investigators, key personnel, subawardees, subcontractors, and consultants must abide by all of the applicable University of California/California State University System (UC/CSUS) or non-UC Terms and Conditions, including overhead capped at 25%.
5. Research Team members must have the appropriate background and technical experience to complete the project.
6. The funding requested must be within the minimum and maximum funding limits of \$50,000-\$3.75 million.
7. The project must not depend on other sources of funding for the completion of any task or deliverable. However, in-kind contributions of personnel time, equipment, facilities, and materials by Research Team members are allowed.
8. The project goals and objectives must be directed towards developing methods or practices to reduce risks associated with pesticides of high regulatory concern and/or considered high-risk and which can be incorporated into an IPM system. Non-exclusive examples of project topics include: refining decision-making for pest management, enhancing integration of pest management practices, improving application technologies, increasing cost effectiveness of reduced-risk practices, and/or conducting modeling or meta-analyses.
9. The project must demonstrate the economic feasibility and efficacy related to scalable implementation of the proposed IPM practices being researched.
10. The project must focus primarily on research; however outreach regarding research outcomes should be a final component included in the overall project. Projects focusing primarily on outreach, not research, are encouraged to apply to DPR's [Alliance Grants Program](#).
11. Eligible applicants may include (but are not limited to) entities such as government and tribal agencies, universities, colleges, consultants, pest control businesses, commodity groups, and nonprofit organizations. Principal investigators, key personnel, subawardees, subcontractors, and consultants must not have outstanding fines or penalties with DPR or with any County Agricultural Commissioner.
12. DPR employees are not eligible to receive funds; however, other State employees may apply.
13. PMAC members or their alternates involved in a Research Grant Proposal Application must abide by the conflict of interest requirements contained within the [PMAC Charter](#).

## PROPOSAL APPLICATION PROCESS

The [2022 Research Grants Proposal Application Package](#) is now available and may be downloaded.

The Proposal Application Package consists of the following documents:

- Research Grant Proposal Application Form (PDF)
- Scope of Work and Budget Information (Microsoft Word document)
- Research Grant Proposal Application Guidance Document (PDF)
- Terms and Conditions for UC/CSUS grantees (PDF)
- Terms and Conditions for non-UC/CSUS grantees (PDF)
- Department of Pesticide Regulation Research Grants 2022 Solicitation (PDF)

Completed Proposal Applications must be submitted no later than **5:00 pm PST on Thursday, December 9, 2021** to the following two email addresses:

- DPR's Pest Management Grants Program at [dprpmgrants@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:dprpmgrants@cdpr.ca.gov)
- Research Grants Program Lead at [Jordan.Weibel@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:Jordan.Weibel@cdpr.ca.gov)

Completed Proposal Applications should contain all the required documents listed below. Optional documents may be included as needed to support the Proposal Application. **Please submit all documents in the format of a PDF except the Scope of Work and Budget Document. Please additionally include the Scope of Work and Budget Information document as a Microsoft Word file.**

### *Required*

- Completed Research Grant Proposal Application Form, including the:
  - Completed Applicant and Submitter Information section;
  - Completed Certification and Submission Statement;
  - Yes/no responses to the Eligibility Questions; and
  - Answers to Questions 1 – 4 (not to exceed one page each for Questions 1, 2, and 3 and two pages for Question 4 for a total of 5 pages).
- Letters of Support from expected beneficiaries of the IPM systems or practices or from others who can attest to the quality or effectiveness of the applicant's similar work.
- Full-text versions of up to five Key Cited Documents that document the effective and proven IPM systems or practices that your project will build upon.
- Curriculum vitae or resumes of Principal Investigators (PIs) and Key Personnel.
- Completed Scope of Work and Budget Information document.

### *Optional*

- A list of pesticides and active ingredients being addressed in this proposal that are of high regulatory concern and/or are considered high-risk.
- Illustrative graphics that enhance the application (e.g. plot design or flow charts).

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Research Grants Program Lead at [Jordan.Weibel@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:Jordan.Weibel@cdpr.ca.gov).

## REVIEW PROCESS

The [2022 Research Grants Proposal Package](#) contains all required documents for preparing your Proposal Application. Please read and review the documents carefully and relay any questions to Research Grants Program Lead, Jordan Weibel, at [Jordan.Weibel@cdpr.ca.gov](mailto:Jordan.Weibel@cdpr.ca.gov).

After you submit your Proposal Application, DPR staff will screen the materials and ensure that they meet all eligibility requirements, as detailed in the Eligibility Requirements section directly below. Only those Proposal Applications that meet all eligibility requirements will be reviewed and ranked by DPR staff and the Pest Management Advisory Committee (PMAC)<sup>1</sup>, a stakeholder group with members from diverse affiliations with expertise and/or interest in pest management that assists DPR's Grants Programs with Proposal Application review.

The PMAC will make grant funding recommendations to the Director via a consensus-based Proposal Application ranking process that occurs during a [public meeting](#). DPR staff will also rank the Proposal Applications and provide a staff recommendation to the Director. The Director considers these separate recommendations and selects projects for funding.

## NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Applicants will be notified via an email from the Research Grants Program Lead, Jordan Weibel, as to whether or not their Proposal Application was awarded funding by late March 2022. Feedback for applicants whose projects were not selected for funding will be provided after awards are announced.

## VIRTUAL INFORMATION MEETINGS FOR APPLICANTS

Three virtual information meetings will take place via Zoom to address questions about the Research Grants Program, the application process, and completing the application materials.

### **Meeting 1: September 16, 2021, at 10:00 - 11:00 am PDT**

Meeting

Link:<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86518641177?pwd=b0VOU0VJU2Y1M0dlldUIKM21jdDlOdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 1864 1177

Passcode: 783274

### **Meeting 2: October 14, 2021, at 10:00 - 11:00 am PDT**

Meeting

Link:<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82576268939?pwd=WVBnNU9oRE1GUGFHNUd2bVgwTXZYdz09>

Meeting ID: 825 7626 8939

Passcode: 197926

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<sup>1</sup> For more information about the PMAC, including dates and agendas of public meetings and the current roster, visit the [PMAC website](#).

**Meeting 3: November 10, 2021, at 1:00 - 2:00 pm PDT**

Meeting Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85893563734?pwd=WlEzckdoMnJXVnJiZU1ZOWIwVjd2dz09>

Meeting ID: 858 9356 3734

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