

Intermountain Research and Extension Center

The University of California Intermountain Research and Extension Center (IREC) is soliciting proposals for new and continuing research projects for project year 2018-2019.

The Intermountain Research and Extension Center is a 140-acre research facility located at 4,000 feet elevation near the Oregon border. Crops IREC specializes in include potato, small grain, onion, peppermint, forage grasses and alfalfa; however, most cool season field and vegetable crops can be accommodated and grown on the Center. Research topics of interest include variety development, integrated pest management, irrigation management, plant nutrition, and agriculture-wildlife interactions.

Available Center facilities and equipment include a greenhouse; controlled postharvest facility; drying ovens; an automated potato grading line; a mini-still for essential oil extraction; specialized small plot irrigation equipment; research adapted small plot planters and harvesters; and a full line of commercial farm equipment for field and vegetable crop production. Technical assistance is available for all farming practices, field instrumentation and data collection.

The Center's Research Advisory Committee (RAC) will evaluate proposed research for scientific merit and regional need. Approved projects will be eligible for Center provided support—land, labor, technical assistance, equipment and facilities.

Questions about the research proposal process or about research opportunities at IREC should be directed to the Center Director Rob Wilson at rgwilson@ucanr.edu or the Center Superintendent Darrin Culp at daculp@ucanr.edu or by phone at (530) 667-5117.

Proposals may be submitted into the REC Manage System via the <u>IREC Website</u> beginning **December 11, 2017** and are due no later than **February 12, 2018**.