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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR RESEARCH

In an effort to ensure that industry resources are being utilized in an efficient and effective manner, the Olive Oil Commission of California (OOC) has established a policy to seek proposals from outside organizations and/or individuals that are interested in conducting research on behalf of the OOC.

OOC Research Priorities for 2026-2027

- Control of the following existing or potential threats to the industry:
 - o Research How to Grab Carbon Money
 - o Understanding Sap Analysis
 - o New Canopy Management Trial
 - o Loosening Agents like Accede
 - o Nitrogen/Nutrient Analysis Oil yield analysis 10,000 acres and everyone sharing tissues vs yield and finding sweet ranges on elements
 - o Foliar Sprays and their effectiveness efficacy for absorption and if it helps with yield
 - o Anything to help hold the bloom on the plants
 - o Super high-density bloom volume self-fertile? They are only self-fertile to a small degree
 - o More consistent yields and then it all falls off. Another 2% would make a huge difference
 - o Green Olive Knot – showing up on fruit; possible reduced efficacy of copper treatment?
 - o Neofabraea Treatments
 - o Wider range of pesticide options for organic and conventional
 - o Detecting residues in oil

Researchers interested in submitting proposals must be aware of the following:

1. Project proposals are due April 24, 2026
2. Proposal format can be seen on the following page
3. Researchers are expected to provide a recorded video presentation no longer than 10 minutes discussing proposals in preparation for the OOC Board of Director's Meeting at the end of May.
4. Projects selected for funding begin **July 1, 2026** and conclude **June 30, 2026**



Please email proposals to mmcdonnell@calapple.org no later than **April 24th at 5:00 P.M. PST.** Please feel free to contact our office with any questions. We look forward to reviewing the proposals.

Respectfully,

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Research Proposal Format

Proposal text should not exceed 8 pages. However, this limit does not include budget support summary, budget page, and literature cited. Please use Times New Roman, 12 point. Create the proposal with 1 inch margins left, right, and top and 1.5-inch margin at the bottom with pages numbered at the bottom. Include the requested details:

Project Title:

Principal Investigator(s) (PI):

Indicate the contact PI for correspondence and questions. Include institutional affiliation, address, phone number, and email address.

Cooperator(s):

Indicate the roles of each cooperator, and ensure they are aware of their proposed participation.

Objective(s) of Proposed Research:

Point by point, logically arrange and prioritize the objectives.

Justification and Importance of Proposed Research:

Describe the previous work that has been done to date and the importance of the proposed research to the olive oil industry.

Procedures to Accomplish Objective(s):

For each objective, discuss the experimental procedures you proposed to employ. Be specific enough to discuss plot design, anticipated statistical analysis, methods used in the experiment and parameters of data collection.

Timetable for Project:

Develop a timetable showing when the research to accomplish objectives will be initiated and completed.

Present Outlook and Estimated Success in Accomplishing Objective(s):



Budget Support Summary by Objective(s):

It is important to prepare a sufficiently detailed budget. Also, list other agencies, along with the amount requested for each objective, to which this proposal, or one or more of the objectives, have been submitted for funding.

Total Budget Request:

Please prepare a budget which reflects your needs each year for the length of the proposed project - up to three years. Although funding is granted on a year-to-year basis, continuation of projects must be justified annually.

Prepare a budget page using the following format:

	<u>% of Time On Project</u>	<u>Request Year One</u>	<u>Request Year Two</u>	<u>Projected Year 3</u>
Personnel				
SRA/Tech				
Lab Assistant				
Other				
Employee Benefits				
Supplies and Expenses				
Items and Cost				
Equipment (itemize when cost >\$1,000)				
Items/Cost/Justification*				
Travel				
Trips/Purpose/Costs				
Computer Time				
Overhead (where appropriate)				
Indirect Costs				

(*Be specific in terms of actual hours per day or week of estimated use.)

Literature Cited:

Include pertinent reference.

Approval by:

Signature of the department chair or other person who review your research funding.