The UC Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center (SFREC) is soliciting proposals to support new and continuing research on rangeland and oak woodland ecology and management, beef cattle health, production and management, as well as related agricultural and natural resource themes important to California.

Academics from UC and non-UC institutions are eligible to apply for funding. Funding occurs through SFREC contributions to labor to support development of experimental infrastructure, experimental manipulations, data collection, animal handling and other labor activities necessary to conduct field research.

Successful proposals funded for the upcoming program year, July 1st, 2020–June 30th, 2021, are eligible to receive up to $20,000 in center contributions toward staff labor.

Proposals are due by June 1st, 2020. Proposals need to be submitted through the REC Manage System via the SFREC website at http://sfrec.ucanr.edu.

Basic resources and facilities to support research include 5,000 acres of northern Sierra foothill oak woodland–annual grass rangeland as well as irrigated pastures, riparian areas and access to the Yuba River. An approximately 160 head cow-calf herd and access to up to 300 head of steers/heifers to support animal production, animal health and grazing research. SFREC maintains a wet/dry lab for sample processing, rooms in a house available for long term research stays, a 16 bed dormitory as well as large and small conference room.

For further information regarding research opportunities, contact Jeremy James, SFREC Director at (530) 639-8803 or jjjames@ucanr.edu, or visit sfrec.ucanr.edu