



Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council Project Proposal

2020

The Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council (MSMC) and partners support one of the top soybean production research programs in the country, supported by Missouri soybean farmers and their checkoff. That program has supported soybean production, processing and market development research in Missouri since 1980 and continues to invest in new and advancing technologies and genetics.

MSMC is now accepting proposals from individuals and/or institutions interested in conducting 2021-2022 soybean research, education and demonstration projects. Interested principal investigators should complete the following application and submit their proposal materials to MSMC for review **no later than November 1, 2020**. Please note your institution may have an earlier deadline.

- *Continuing projects require completion of this form and are subject to annual review.*
- *Principal investigators are responsible for checking with their University grants office and other appropriate entities regarding internal protocols and deadlines.*

Funding decisions will be finalized, and contracts issued in March/April 2021. Funds for approved projects will be released only after a signed contract is received.

Emphasis areas for 2021-2022 research, education and demonstration project funding are:

- Production research priorities in support of the soybean breeding programs
- Improving soybean management practices through research and demonstration
- Developing specific soybean traits for specialized uses, such as high oleic soybean oil
- Effective soybean marketing and growing existing markets, including within the field of livestock nutrition and developing new markets for Missouri soybeans
- Commercialization of industrial uses for soybeans, soybean meal and soybean oil produced in Missouri
- New and novel uses of soybeans for commercial applications if substantial market potential exists

All project plans should address opportunities for the research, education or demonstration project to directly impact Missouri soybean growers. Projects may extend to two years, with funding allocated annually. *Annual proposals must be submitted for all projects, including current MSMC-funded research.*

About MSMC

The Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council is a farmer-run organization committed to promoting and advancing innovative research, production and marketing solutions to maximize Missouri soybean farmer profitability. Founded in 1980, the Council is led by a 13-member board of directors and works in conjunction with the United Soybean Board to support programs in Missouri and nationwide directly benefiting soybean growers.

For more detailed information on the Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council, and existing programs and partnerships, visit the organization online at mosoy.org or call (573) 635-3819.



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Please address, in general non-scientific terms, the following with attachments to the Project Proposal Application. Include the following eight (8) bolded items in proposal content. The proposal should not exceed five (5) pages, excluding budget and curriculum vitae or resume of principal investigator.

- I. **PROJECT SUMMARY** Briefly summarize the planned research, education or demonstration project.
- II. **PROJECT OBJECTIVE** List goals and objectives in numerical order and include an overview of the project timeline.
- III. **PROJECT DELIVERABLES** List tangible or intangible items that will be delivered as a result of each objective. Briefly address the need for the project, including an explanation of the specific challenge or commercialization opportunity driving the project. If appropriate, include a brief literature review and citations.
- IV. **BENEFIT TO SOYBEAN FARMERS** Identify potential and actual impacts to Missouri soybean producers. Provide brief and clear statements that will be meaningful to farmers and others wishing to understand and/or benefit from your work.
- V. **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY** Identify any individual or entity which may have rights or ownership to the information or processes expected to be developed as a result of this research, education or demonstration project, and explain the extent of those rights or ownership. If this project proposal has been submitted to another source, please disclose that relationship as well.
- VI. **PROJECT FOCUS** Briefly describe the uniqueness of this project and identify related work that has been conducted in this area by you or other researchers/investigators.
- VII. **BUDGET** Provide a budget, detailed by project year, including salaries and wages, fringe benefits, equipment, supplies, travel and other identified expenses. Please note that the principal investigator's salary, indirect costs and student tuition may not be charged to the grant. If project funds are to be split between co-investigators, please identify the amount and/or percentage of total budget for each investigator.
- VIII. **PI INFORMATION** Attach a brief curriculum vitae or resume for the proposed project's principal investigator. The section should not exceed two (2) pages.

Proposal application packets are due no later than November 1, 2020. Application materials should be submitted electronically to eneuner@mosoy.org and gluce@mosoy.org. Receipt of proposals will be acknowledged by MSMC staff.

Applications received electronically after November 1, 2020 may not be considered for 2021-2022 funding.

For assistance, contact Ebby Neuner with the Missouri Soybean Merchandising Council at eneuner@mosoy.org.