

**TEXAS CORN PRODUCERS BOARD
REQUEST FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS
FISCAL YEAR 2018**

Texas Corn Producers Board is now accepting research proposals for 2018. Proposals should be submitted in accordance with instructions below. Please include the attached cover sheet on all proposals submitted.

Priority Areas for 2018: Irrigation volume monitoring alternatives, Water-efficiency of irrigation systems, water-efficiency of crop systems, policy impacts, economics; farm policy impact on producers-farm bill, crop insurance, conservation title implementation; Corn production and management-insects, weed, disease, fertility, integrated pest management; corn breeding for yield, drought, heat, insect, disease (Any projects that contain: Corn breeding and genetic improvement for mycotoxin, Atoxigenics field trials, new strain discovery; Amelioration technology for aflatoxin contaminated grain- clays, binders, action levels for FDA action should have been submitted through AMCOE).

All proposals pertaining to aflatoxin projects from all researchers should have been submitted to the Aflatoxin Mitigation Center of Excellence (AMCOE). The AMCOE steering committee through National Corn Growers Association manages these requests. Any applicant that was not eligible for AMCOE funding may still apply to TCPB.

Criteria for the Evaluation of Proposals: Each proposal should have one clearly identified principal investigator (PI). Principal investigators of funded projects will be expected to submit progress reports. Preference will be given to proposals based upon the following criteria:

- Demonstrate potential to develop, evaluate, and transfer new technologies to corn producers.
- Potential of the team or individual investigator to acquire new funds (leverage existing funds).
- Qualifications of PI and/or interdisciplinary team.

Proposals will need to be submitted with university authorized proper signature(s) before awards will be funded. Any attachments, such as budgets, should have authorized signatures as well. Please provide evidence of who is authorized to be a university authorized signature.

Deadline of Submission: Please submit an electronic copy of proposals not from the Texas A&M University System to the Texas Corn Board in care of Shannon Neuenschwander, shannon@texascorn.org by **Friday, November 3, 2017**. All from within the Texas A&M University System should be submitted to Dr. Craig Nessler (c/o Nancye Penn), npenn@tamu.edu and Dr. Travis Miller, td-miller@tamu.edu by **Thursday, November 2, 2017**.

Review Process: Proposals will be reviewed by the TCPB research committee, designated reviewers and presented to the TCPB board for final funding decisions December, 2017. Funding letters will be sent by February 2017.

Funding: Funding is contingent upon budget availability and will be distributed as agreed on in a contract. Awards will be made only after university submits fully authorized contracts, with proper authorized signatures.

Questions: Contact David Gibson (dgibson@texascorn.org) or Shannon Neuenschwander (shannon@texascorn.org) 806-763-2676 with questions.

Proposal Format: 5-page maximum length, 12-point font-not including appendices. Must include completed attached cover sheet.

We look forward to receiving your detailed proposal for funding consideration!

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Title: _____

Principal Investigator: _____

Co-Principal Investigator(s): _____

Collaborator(s): _____

Amount Requested: \$ _____

Has Project Been Funded Previously? _____

Elevator Pitch (e.g. priority area this project is attempting to solve, macro value proposition, and research approach):

Potential for Leveraging Resources (acquiring additional funding):

Attachments: Qualifications of Team (including up to 2 page CV for PI's and Co-PI's)