



# REQUEST FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS 2025 GROWING SEASON

Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB) is now accepting research proposals for the 2025 growing season. Proposals should be submitted in accordance with the instructions below.

## PRIORITY AREAS FOR 2025

### Biological Controls

- Disease
- Insects

### Corn Breeding

- Disease and Insect Resistance
- Drought
- Heat Tolerance
- Silage Quality

### Irrigation

- System Efficiency Improvements: Water & Power
- Timing of Irrigation for Crop Management
- Water Volume Monitoring Alternatives

### Production and Management

- Disease
- Fertility
- Fumonisin
- Greenhouse Gas Mitigation
- Integrated Pest Management
- Sustainability/Crop System Management
- Weeds

### Policy

- Conservation Title Implementation
- Farm Bill: Implementation and Evaluation of Producer Options
- Insurance: Policy Selection
- Tax Implications

## Proposal Instructions

**New and Current Projects:** All proposal submissions should be no more than 5-pages in length with 12-point font – not including appendices. Curriculum Vitae (CV) is not needed. Proposals should include:

- A cover letter summarizing the project's alignment and relevance with TCPB's priority areas. The cover letter should not exceed 2-pages.
- Concise project description (not exceeding 2,000 words) detailing objectives, methodology (including experimental or study design), potential for leveraging funding and expected outcomes.
- A detailed budget.

Primary Investigators (PIs) should indicate the project title, their institution, co-PIs, any collaborators (such as farmers or extension agents), and how TCPB funding would help the project gain funding from other sources (if applicable).

**Renewing Projects:** Projects previously funded by TCPB seeking renewed funding will need to include a short video presentation, no longer than 5-minutes in length, updating TCPB on the project's progress and recent findings. A slide show with voice over narration is preferred.

## Aflatoxin Research Proposals

Aflatoxin projects should be submitted to the Aflatoxin Mitigation Center of Excellence (AMCOE). The AMCOE steering committee through National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) manages these requests. Any applicant that is not eligible for AMCOE funding may still apply through TCPB. To submit a proposal through AMCOE, please email **Sarah McKay** at [amcoe@ncga.com](mailto:amcoe@ncga.com).

## Intellectual Property Rights

All proposals with intellectual property (IP) potential need to be noted. TCPB has a standing intellectual property agreement with Texas A&M AgriLife Research & Extension. IP rights will be determined prior to funding if researchers from other universities, companies, institutions, or personal avenues receive funding.

## Review Process

Proposals will be reviewed by the TCPB research committee and presented to the TCPB board for final funding decisions in January 2025. If an applicant receives approval, they will be notified in January and receive funding after completion of necessary agreements.

## Deadline for Submissions

Researchers should submit an electronic copy of proposals to <https://forms.gle/FeUYw8NB48mJuwcbA> by **Wednesday, October 30, 2024**.

## Important Dates

- Applications Open:** September 9, 2024
- Applications Close:** October 30, 2024
- Committee Meeting:** December 2, 2024
- Board Approval:** January 24, 2025

## FAQs

**Q: Is there a duration period on research projects?**

A: TCPB is only able to fund project commitments for one year at a time. Proposals with multiyear projects are still welcomed, but PIs must renew their funding request every year.

**Q: What is the maximum level of funding per project?**

A: TCPB research funding is contingent upon budget availability. Generally, TCPB aims to fund as many projects as possible to diversify support among its priority areas.

**Q: What can I not include in my proposed budget?**

A: TCPB will not pay overhead expenses. Projects seeking salary expenses, fringe benefits, student tuition, fees, or non-pertinent equipment costs will not be considered. Special consideration can be given, but PIs should contact TCPB prior to submitting their proposal.

Additional questions may be directed to TCPB at 806.763.CORN (2676) or to [research@texascorn.org](mailto:research@texascorn.org).