



CALIFORNIA PISTACHIO RESEARCH BOARD

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 21 October 2019
TO: All interested parties
FROM: Bob Klein, Manager
SUBJECT: Request for Proposals for Pistachio Research

The California Pistachio Research Board (CPRB) is requesting proposals for pistachio research to be conducted beginning in March 2020. Proposals for all aspects of commercial pistachio production are invited but the CPRB is particularly interested in production research on the biology and control of insect pests and diseases, irrigation, weed control, alternate bearing, and bird repellants. The experiences of the past crop years demonstrated a lack of understanding of chill physiology/biochemistry and the importance of hull integrity/physiology in reducing insect pressure. Little is known about either subject. The California pistachio crop is expected to increase significantly in the years ahead and research on harvest timing and optimization is needed.

The CPRB has a research budget of approximately \$1.6 million. Past projects have averaged about \$50,000 and rarely exceed \$100,000. While the CPRB funds projects on a yearly basis, multi-year projects are considered. The CPRB does not pay overhead charges on grants. We also have a supplementary budget for additional projects that can be submitted at any time for opportunistic research and a separate budget for grower education projects.

Researchers submitting proposals are encouraged to use their institutional research proposal format if applicable. Include the CPRB cover page form with your proposal. The cover page gives the Board a summary of the proposal, the total funds requested, and the information needed should your request be granted. The proposal should be no more than five pages in length. Include an introduction, materials and methods, projected results and potential economic value to California pistachio growers, as well as a detailed budget in the proposal. If the proposed project is a multi-year project, indicate how many years and projected funding needs for subsequent years. If a similar proposal is being submitted to other commodity boards, be clear about how much you are requesting from each commodity and provide contingency plans if all the boards do not agree to fund.

The deadline for proposals is **December 21, 2019**. Contact Dr. Bob Klein should you need an extension.

Submit proposals to Dr. Bob Klein, Manager of the California Pistachio Research Board via email (preferred method) to bobk@acpistachios.org and admin@acpistachios.org. The mailing address is:

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Proposals will be reviewed by the CPRB as well as by the Pistachio Liaison Committee of the University of California. Those submitting proposals are encouraged to present their proposals on **January 28-29, 2020**. The venue has not been determined but will be in the Fresno-Visalia area.

Address any questions to Bob Klein (bobk@acpistachios.org or 559 255 6480).