

Call for Small Grant Proposals 2018-2019

Deadline: July 27, 2018

Funding Opportunity:

WCAHS is dedicated to improving the health and safety of farmers, farmworkers and their families and communities through multidisciplinary research, education, and community trainings. Agriculture is one of the most dangerous occupations in the U.S. and represents one of the largest industrial sectors in California.

WCAHS is seeking research proposals that address agricultural health and safety in Arizona, California, Hawaii, and/or Nevada. **WCAHS welcomes applications on a wide range of topics relevant to agricultural health and safety.** Areas of current interest include, but are not limited to, health and safety related to air quality and climate change, wildland fires near agriculture, pesticide exposure, ergonomic hazards, night work in agriculture, and mental health and stress in agricultural populations.

Projects that include collaboration with cooperative extension farm advisors or farm labor contractors are encouraged. Also encouraged are projects that will result in agricultural industry, community, and/or policy relevant outputs; as are those that include matching funds.

Award:

Funding for the 2018-2019 academic year

Graduate students & postdoctoral scholars may request up to **\$10,000**

Faculty may request up to **\$30,000**

Eligibility:

Faculty with PI eligibility in the Western region (AZ, CA, HI, NV)

PhD students or postdoctoral scholars in the Western region

Applicants from AZ, HI, and NV are encouraged to apply

Key Dates:

Proposals Due	July 27, 2018, 5 pm PT
Earliest Funding Start Date	October 1, 2018
Progress Report Due	March 29, 2019
Final Report Due	September 15, 2019

Submission Instructions: Proposals are due on or before the due date: **July 27, 2018, 5 pm PT**

Send all materials in one pdf to: aghealth@ucdavis.edu

More information about WCAHS can be found here: <https://aghealth.ucdavis.edu/>.

Currently funded projects can be found here: <https://aghealth.ucdavis.edu/small-grant-program>.

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Required Proposal Items:

Abstract written for lay audience	<150 words
Project narrative: - Background - Specific aims - Significance - Approach - Plan for outreach and communication of results - Potential for future funding	3 pages
Budget: - Personnel, supplies, and domestic travel allowed - Award limit is for total costs (direct + indirect)	1 page
Budget justification	1 page
NIH biosketch for each investigator	
Graduate student projects only: faculty letter of support	
Postdoc projects only: faculty letter of support including commitment of time for the project	

WCAHS Small Grant Program Objectives:

The overarching goal of the WCAHS Small Grant Program is to encourage the development of creative research projects while nurturing researchers — particularly early-career researchers — interested in improving agricultural health and safety for the Western U.S. It is designed to fund short-term research projects to support the collection of preliminary data; attract new investigators to WCAHS and the field of agricultural health and safety; facilitate the exploration of innovative research directions; and engage and mentor graduate students across multiple disciplines.

Review Criteria:

The review process emphasizes scientific merit, which includes identification of a significant health- and/or safety-related problem that may be related to agricultural sources; magnitude of health and/or safety problem; innovation and use of appropriate tools and methodologies to address the question; fit with WCAHS' goals; likelihood that the investigator will obtain extramural funding using preliminary data obtained from the project; and likelihood that the proposal will enhance the translational component of WCAHS.

Awardees will be expected to participate in WCAHS events and seminars and acknowledge WCAHS in publications and presentations by NIOSH grant title and number.

Questions? – aghealth@ucdavis.edu