



NEBRASKA CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

267 Plant Science Hall - P.O. Box 830911
Lincoln, NE 68583-0911
402/472-1444 ♦ FAX 402/472-8652

NEBRASKA CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Educational and Research Grants

The Nebraska Crop Improvement Association has a Grant Fund to support investigations and promotion of seed science related projects in Nebraska.

Grant proposals will be accepted for projects which cover a one to three year period. However, funding will only be approved on an annual basis (April 15). Funding of grants have a maximum of \$3000 per year.

Funding of grant proposals are a function of the NCIA Board of Directors. Guidelines are available from the NCIA office. Grant requests must be submitted by March 1 to:

Nebraska Crop Improvement Association
267 Plant Science Hall
P.O. Box 830911
Lincoln, NE 68583-0911
402-472-1444

Guidelines for NCIA Educational and Research Grants

- A. Title Page
 1. Descriptive title
 2. Name of person or organization submitting the proposal
 3. Full address of organization or principle investigator
 4. Starting date of proposal, duration and total cost
- B. Overall objectives of the proposal - State what you will do and what your goals are.
- C. Application to the seed industry - Discuss what application this proposal has to the use, production or use of Certified seed or seed in general.
- D. Innovative application - Describe the innovation of the proposal and how it will improve existing aspects of Certified seed or the seed industry.
- E. Background and Rationale - Provide a tangible justification for the proposed project. Explain the existing problem, any previous efforts to address this problem and the logic behind your approach. Spell out your assumptions, theories, and hypotheses and the probability of success of your endeavor.
- F. Work Plan - Describe in detail your project design and research protocols. Provide an estimated time schedule for meeting the projects objectives.
- G. Staff and Resources - List all investigators essential to the project and describe any institutional facilities and resources available for the proposed project.
- H. Budget Information - Provide a full, detailed, justified budget for each year of the proposed project plus appropriate totals. Travel and training must be directly related to the project.

Itemize:

 1. Salaries
 2. Equipment
 3. Materials and supplies
 4. Training (purpose, duration, when, where)
 5. Consultation (topic, amount, rate)
 6. Travel (purpose, duration, when, where)
 7. Other costs
- I. Submission of Proposals (not to exceed five (5) pages)
 1. Submit one (1) original and ten (10) copies to:
Nebraska Crop Improvement Association
267 Plant Science Hall
P.O. Box 830911
Lincoln, NE 68583-0911

2. The deadline for receiving project proposals is March 1 and investigators awarded grants will be notified before April 15. Grants will be funded on a fiscal basis from July 1 to June 30.

J. Reporting Requirements

1. Progress Reporting - A reporting schedule for major progress reviews will be developed based on the projected time requirements indicated in the original proposal and the major developmental stages of the project. Additionally, an annual progress report is to be completed and submitted to the NCIA office by March 1. The report will be reviewed by the NCIA Board of Directors at their annual April quarterly meeting.
2. Final Report - The format and approach for the final report will depend upon the nature of the project. The final report shall be prepared in a publication format to document the entire effort. The final report will be made available to the membership of the NCIA and other interested seed industry associates.