

Call for Letters of Intent: Barley Council of Canada - National Barley Cluster 2018 - 2023

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Sponsor

Barley Council of Canada (BCC)

Program

National Barley Cluster 2018-2023

For More Information

Please visit the [Barley Council of Canada website](#) [2] for additional information regarding this call and important documents that will assist you in completing a letter of intent for research in the National Barley Cluster.?

1. [Request for letters of intent.](#) [3] which outlines our plans for the next National Barley Cluster (2018-2023), our key research priorities, and guidelines for the LOI creation and submission process.
2. [BCC's "National Barley Cluster - Letter of Intent Template"](#) [1]. Please adhere to the instructions and page limits indicated in the template. For applicants with a Macintosh computer please use Microsoft Word for Mac if possible.
3. The [Brewing and Malting Barley Research Institute's \(BMBRI\) "Strategic Goals and Targets for Malting Barley Breeding and Research 2018-2028"](#) [4] provides additional details on the research priorities of Canada's malting and brewing industries.

Description

The Barley Council of Canada (BCC) is a not-for-profit organization incorporated in 2013, with membership from producer groups and the barley value chain across Canada. The BCC's mission is to work together to ensure long-term profitability and sustainable growth of Canada's barley industry.

The first and current National Barley Cluster, begun in 2013, is a five-year, \$11 million AgriScience cluster administered by the Alberta Barley Commission in collaboration with a grower-industry funding consortium and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) under the Industry-Led Research and Development Stream of the Growing Forward 2 (GF2) AgriInnovation Program. As this current agricultural policy framework (APF) comes to an end in March 2018, BCC has taken the lead, working again with a grower-industry consortium, to develop a new National Barley Cluster for submission to the next version of research funding initiatives that will be announced under the next APF.

In preparation for this new cluster application, BCC is inviting researchers to submit letters of intent (LOI) for the second National Barley Cluster. The next APF is expected to be accepting funding applications by summer 2017 and be fully launched by April 1, 2018.

The BCC's National Barley Cluster will support and develop a group of projects that address our national barley research priorities. In order to fully benefit from the cluster structure under the next APF, the BCC has been and will continue to coordinate and collaborate with the groups and organizations leading other clusters, including the Canadian Field Crop Research Alliance (CFCRA), the Beef Cattle Research Council, Swine Innovation Porc, and the Western Grains Research Foundation (WGRF).

Eligibility

Canadian academic institutions

Indirect Costs

15%

Project Duration

Funding may be secured for up to five years from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2023

Deadlines

If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.

Type	Date	Notes
External Deadline	Monday, January 9, 2017 - 1:59am	Please note that the letters of intent must be submitted to the sponsor no later than January 8, 2017 at 11:59 Mountain Standard Time . This converts to January 9, 2017 at 1:59am Eastern Time .

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How to Apply

This is a two-stage application process.

1. **Letter of Intent (LOI):** must be submitted in Microsoft Word format using the form "National Barley Cluster - Letter of Intent Template" to Kara Barnes, BCC Director of Grower and Industry Programs at cluster@barleycouncil.com [5] by the deadline. Researchers are not required to submit their LOI to the Office of Research for approval before submission to the sponsor. Researchers are asked to send a copy of their LOI to the Office of Research for information purposes only (no OR-5 required at the LOI stage). Researchers will be notified by sponsor if they are invited to submit a full proposal.
2. **Full Proposal:** Those invited to submit a full proposal must submit their full proposal to the Office of Research two weeks in advance of the sponsor's deadline with a signed OR-5.

Information For Co-applicants

If you are part of an application that has been invited to submit a full proposal but are not the lead, please contact the Office of Research as soon as possible.

For Questions, please contact

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[2] <http://www.barleycanada.com/news/call-for-letters-of-intent-national-barley-cluster/>

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