

Call for letters of intent: Beef Cattle Research Council - Industry Science Cluster

Sponsor

Beef Cattle Research Council (BCRC)

Program

Industry Science Cluster

For More Information

Background on the BCRC, the Industry Science Cluster, and details about this call for Letters of Intent (LOI) can be found on the [Beef Cattle Research Council](#) [1] website.

Description

In preparation for the third Industry Science Cluster, the Beef Cattle Research Council (BCRC) is now inviting researchers to submit letters of intent. The BCRC developed the first and second Beef Cattle Industry Science Clusters under Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Growing Forward Strategy.

The Clusters have proven to be a very successful step towards improving coordination of beef research funding in Canada including AAFC, BCRC, provincial governments, provincial cattle associations, and other industry funders. Funding has been focused on a comprehensive outcome-based research program directly aligned with industry's vision and priorities and is generating meaningful, applicable results.

The BCRC is planning to renew this program under AAFC's next agricultural policy framework and is currently planning for the third Beef Cattle Industry Science Cluster covering the period **April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2023**. Funding commitments for the third Cluster are expected to be announced in 2017.

Eligibility

Any individual or organization (academic institution, private industry, government or non-government organization) from Canada or elsewhere with ability and/or a track record of success in carrying out research projects in areas relevant to the Canadian beef industry is

eligible to apply.

Indirect Costs

15% of total budget costs

Project Duration

Projects up to five years in length may be submitted, but preference will be given for projects that are up to three years in duration, unless the need for a longer timeframe can be demonstrated. Projects will commence no earlier than April 1, 2018 (subject to AAFC approval of the Science Cluster) and must be completed by March 31, 2023.

Special Notes

The BCRC has established clearly defined research outcomes for the third Industry Science Cluster through a comprehensive stakeholder engagement process. Researchers should refer to the research outcomes highlighted at [Research Priorities](#) [2] before deciding to submit a letter of intent.

Deadlines

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

Type	Date	Notes
External Deadline	Saturday, January 14, 2017 - 1:59am	Please note that the letters of intent must be submitted to the sponsor no later than January 13, 2017 at 11:59 Mountain Time . This converts to January 14, 2017 at 1:59am Eastern Time .

How to Apply

This is a two-stage application process:

1. Letters of intent (LOI) must be prepared on the form provided by the BCRC. The form, together with instructions, can be downloaded from [Forms](#) [3]. Letters of intent (LOI)

must be submitted no later than January 13, 2017 at 11:59 PM MT (**or January 14, 2017 at 1:59 AM ET**) in electronic format to proposals@beefresearch.ca [4]. 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 proposal to the Office of Research for information purposes only (no OR-5 required at the LOI stage). Researchers will be notified by the sponsor by February 15, 2017 if they have been invited to submit a full proposal.

2. 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 (March 31, 2017) with a signed OR-5. The deadline for receipt of invited proposals to BCRC will be April 14, 2017.

Information For Co-applicants

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

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