

Egg Industry Center

2021 Research Request For Pre-proposals



The needs for scientific assessments of the egg industry continue to grow, and innovations are needed to navigate the cage-free housing trend and provide sustainably produced, safe and affordable eggs.

The Egg Industry Center's 2021 Request for Proposal (RFP) encompasses research that adds to the current body of knowledge of egg production issues. Topics appropriate for consideration of funding include sustainability (operations, housing, production, automation and labor efficiencies), precision flock management, bird welfare, behavior, and health, environmental issues (air quality, ventilation, manure management), egg safety/quality, and value-added processing and utilization.

Successful proposals will be directly applicable to current industry challenges. Limited funding is available, thus projects that leverage EIC funds are encouraged but not required. Typical award sizes range between \$50k-\$100k. Note that EIC does not pay indirect costs.

Pre-proposal Content (Maximum of 2 pages, 12 Times New Roman font)

- A descriptive title of the project
- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- PI's affiliation, full mailing address, phone number, and e-mail
- Any co-investigators and their affiliations
- Estimated project timeframe (begin date and end date)
- Total funds requested (*Note: EIC does not fund indirect or overhead cost*)
- Statement of the issue
 - Clear statement of the current issue and/or research questions the project will address
- Project objectives
 - Clear, concise, and complete statement of the specific project objectives
- Methodology
 - Concise description of how the data will be collected, analyzed, and interpreted
- Expected outcomes and stakeholder value statement
 - Clear description of the expected results and their value to the egg industry and consumers
- Statement regarding any secured or plans for matching funds

Submission, Deadline, Evaluation and Contact

Pre-proposals must be received by Friday December 3, 2021. Submit pre-proposal electronically (Word document preferred for the purpose of evaluation compilation) to: Lesa Vold lvold@iastate.edu

Pre-proposals will be evaluated for research relevance to industry, scientific merit, and potential impact. Research team qualifications will be reviewed as well as appropriateness of timeline and proposed budget. Final decisions for funding will rest with the EIC Board of Directors.

Invitations for full proposals will be made by mid-Jan 2022 with a due date of mid-February 2022. Anticipated project start dates should be August 2022.

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