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Call for Research Proposals 2016

The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF) is pleased to announce its annual request for research proposals. We will entertain any research proposal concerned with the myriad of aspects involved in chestnut restoration that address our core mission.

Previously funded proposals and their associated reports are located at this link: http://www.acf.org/external-grants-list.php

Proposal Guidelines:
Funding and Overhead: TACF's policy is not to pay overhead charges, since our grants are relatively small. Payment of faculty salary is also not allowed. Demonstration of matching fund support is strongly encouraged. *This is a small grants program. TACF does not ordinarily fund projects in excess of $10,000*

Membership: Principal Investigators are required to hold at least a Regular membership with The American Chestnut Foundation.

Duration: Grants are to cover the twelve months following acceptance of the grant. Multiyear proposals will only have the first year funded. Requests for funding of subsequent years will require re-submission (using a nearly identical proposal and with progress reports attached).

Deadline and Submission: Proposals must be sent via email attachment to Regional Science Coordinator Sara Fitzsimmons (sff3@psu.edu) by 5:00pm, **Friday, August 12, 2016.**

Award Date: Proposals will be evaluated by the TACF Research Advisory Committee and recommendations made to the TACF Science Oversight Committee on or about November 11, 2016. Awards are announced shortly thereafter.

Reporting: TACF requires two reports at the end of the grant period*: a final financial report and a final performance report. The financial report is due 90 days after the grant period completion. The final performance report is also due within 90 days following the grant period completion, and should be formatted such that it is suitable for publication in *Chestnut*, the Journal of The American Chestnut Foundation.

* In certain cases, the affiliate organization of an applicant will not allow the acceptance of a small grant that requires reporting in the absence of overhead funding. In these cases, TACF is willing to work with the applicant to modify this requirement. Applicants facing such an issue with their organizational policy should make this known in their application materials. Reports will still be expected, but will not be required.

Publications: Any publications resulting from the project should list The American Chestnut Foundation as a source of support and a reprint (PDF) should be sent to TACF. It is expected that the grantee will prepare a summary of research findings written for a general audience, to be published in *Chestnut*, the Journal of The American Chestnut Foundation.

Fund Availability: Funds will be distributed on a reimbursement basis.

Proposal Format: Proposals should be concisely written with the following information provided. Please include each item as a separate heading.

a. Project Title.
b. Summary (not more than 100 words).
c. Principal Investigator(s) and Institutional Affiliation(s).
d. Duration of project.
e. Total amount requested.
f. Short and long-term goals of the project.
g. Narrative (no more than 5 pages).
h. Timeline, showing start and completion dates for each goal.
i. How results will be measured and reported.
j. Breakdown of how and when funds will be spent.
k. Brief Curriculum Vitae for each Principal Investigator, including recent publications and grants received. Please restrict each CV to two (2) pages.

QUESTIONS: Contact Sara Fitzsimmons (sff3@psu.edu).

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