Agricultural Research Institute (ARI) 2025/2026
Call for Proposals

The CSU Agricultural Research Institute (ARI) is accepting applications for the 25/26 CSU System competition. The ARI competition provides public funds from the State of California that require at least a one-to-one match with industry/agency resources to fund high-impact applied agricultural research, development, and technology transfer. All proposals must improve California agriculture's and its allied industries' economic efficiency, productivity, profitability, and sustainability. Please review the Request for Proposals for more details on program priorities.

- CSU ARI Systemwide grants can be funded for a maximum of 3 years with a minimum request of $75,000 per year and a maximum request of $150,000 per year. The system proposal must be collaborative and should include partners from other Universities.
- CSU Chico Campus grants can be funded for a maximum of 3 years with no minimum requests and a maximum request of $100,000 per year.

If you are considering an ARI proposal, plan to attend our informational webinar on Friday, September 6th, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, in Plumas Hall 203B (strongly recommended for new PIs). We will review the policies/procedures, deadlines, matching requirements, components of your proposal, potential partners, and how to make a Cayuse record (Cayuse is CSE’s grants/contracts proposal portal). Once your application has been routed and approved (through Cayuse), it will be uploaded into Infoready (ARI Application Portal).

ARI Virtual Café Hours will be offered for one-on-one support on Friday, September 13th, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm and Friday, September 27th, from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. We can go over your proposal, talk about suitable partners/match, and how to make your proposal competitive.

For proposal documents and templates, refer to CSU ARI.

- Please contact CSE development specialist Kari Love for information about hourly pay rates, fringe benefit rates, and other budget details. Instructions for using Cayuse.
- Additional information is available on our campus ARI website.

Key Dates:
- 10/1/24: Submit your Notice of Intent (NOI) to apply to CSE by creating a proposal record in Cayuse. NOI includes a scope of work, project partners, and a source of match (in-hand or TBD). PI’s will need to designate System-wide and/or Campus call on the NOI.

For Systemwide ARI Competition
- 10/28/24: The deadline is to submit your pre-proposal to CSE by completing all fields in Cayuse and attaching your draft scope of work, budget, and budget justification; please use document templates available on InfoReady.
- 11/15/24: Approved Pre-Proposals uploaded into InfoReady ARI system.
- 12/20/24: PI’s notified if they are “invited” for a full proposal to the Systemwide Competition.
- 2/12/25: Deadline to submit full proposals for Systemwide Competition due in InfoReady System.

For Campus ARI Competition
- 01/20/25: Submit pre-proposals for the campus competition in Cayuse (including a draft scope of work, budget, and budget justification).
- 2/12/25: The deadline to submit full proposals for the campus competition is due to InfoReady System.