Agricultural Research Institute (ARI) 2027/2028
Call for Proposals

The CSU Agricultural Research Institute (ARI) is accepting applications for 27/28 CSU System competition. The ARI competition provides public funds from the State of California that require at least a one-to-one match with the industry/agency resources to fund high impact applied agricultural research, development, and technology transfer. All proposals must improve California agricultures 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 PI Informational Meeting/Webinar on **Friday, September 4th**, 2026, **from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm, in Plumas Hall 203B** (highly 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 PI Informational Meeting (Zoom Link)

ARI Virtual Café Hours 2nd Friday of the Month (Sept 11th; Oct 9th; Nov 13th; Dec 11th) from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. Join Zoom Meeting ID: 851 1663 2336 Passcode: 108603
ARI Virtual Cafe Hours (Zoom Link)

For proposal documents and templates, refer to https://csuari.infoready4.com/.

- Please contact CSE development specialist Daniel Buckley for information about hourly pay rates, fringe benefit rates, and other budget details.
- Instructions for using Cayuse are here.
- Additional information is available on our campus CSE ARI Page:

Key Dates for Systemwide ARI Competition

- **10/1/26:** 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).
- **11/06/26:** 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.
- **11/13/26: Approved pre-proposals uploaded into InfoReady ARI system.**
- **12/31/26: PI's notified if they are "invited" for a full proposal to the Systemwide Competition.**
- **2/08/27:** Deadline to submit full proposals for Systemwide Competition due in InfoReady System.

Key Dates for Campus ARI Competition

- **12/01/26**: Submit campus NOI by creating a proposal record in Cayuse. NOI includes a scope of work,project partners, and a source of match (in-hand or TBD).
- **1/22/27:** Deadline to submit full proposals for the campus competition in Cayuse
- **2/08/27:** Deadline to submit full proposals for the campus competition in ARI InfoReady System.

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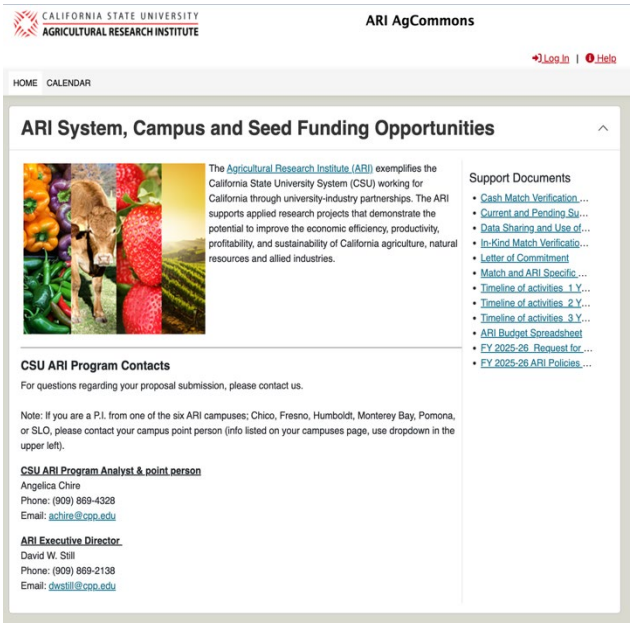
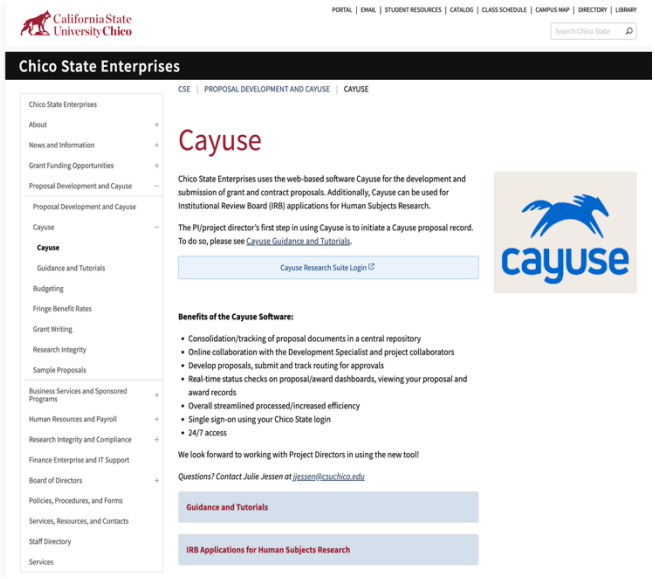
ARI System Website: AgCommons



CSE Cayuse



CSU Chico ARI Webpage: