

NORTH CAROLINA WINE & GRAPE COUNCIL



September 23, 2009

TO: Deans, Directors, Grape and Wine Researchers and Extension Professionals
FROM: Margo Knight Metzger, Executive Director, NC Wine & Grape Council
RE: Call for Research and Extension Project Proposals

Thank you for your interest in working with the North Carolina Wine & Grape Council (NCWGC). The NCWGC is now receiving research and extension proposals for the grant period calendar year 2010. Project proposals are due **November 6, 2009** and funding announcements will be made by December 11, 2009.

Priority will be given to research or extension proposals that address the following areas of need:

- Wine quality initiatives
- Vineyard nutrition management
- Pest management
- Pierce's disease
- Clones/ Root stock
- Chemical resistance
- Establishing the health benefits of NC grape products
- Crop level management

In addition, these are some important topics pertaining to wet seasons:

- Influence of residual Captan and sulfur during fermentation
- Ripe rot/bitter rot infection periods
- Powdery mildew infection on pea size fruit
- Increased bird pressure during drought summers
- Increased bee, hornet, wasp pressure during veraison
- Downy mildew infection on fruit early in the season
- Reduction in wine color intensity when applying ProPhyte at veraison

Please adhere to the guidelines listed on page two when submitting your proposal(s), annual report(s) and final report(s). Proposals not meeting the guidelines may not be considered.

Reports:

1. An annual report is due from any investigator with an ongoing project funded by the NCWGC.
2. A final report is due from each investigator upon completion of a project funded by the NCWGC.

The NCWGC will require that an annual report of progress, detailing the experiments undertaken and the major findings or accomplishments of the work to date, be attached to all continuing and new project proposals from the same investigator. The due date for these annual reports and proposals will be **November 6, 2009**. **Please note that the NCWGC will not accept proposals**

from researchers who have any outstanding reports. Continuing project proposals will not be accepted without an annual report. Our review committee will rely heavily on the information presented in the annual report to evaluate the extent of progress on the stated project objectives and determine funding recommendations. Upon completion of the study, a final report must be submitted.

All researchers are requested to send their proposal(s) to the NCWGC electronically in PDF format to mmetzger@nccommerce.com. Upon receipt, an email confirmation will be sent to you. Hard copies are not required.

After the NCWGC makes funding decisions, it will submit all eligible projects to the Viticulture Consortium East (VCE) in order to increase funds available for viticulture research in North Carolina. Proposals need not be submitted directly to VCE, as NCWGC will submit them as a group. Please forward this information to all of those in your organization who may be interested. Thank you again for your interest and please call with any questions.

Research proposals should be addressed to both VCE and NCWGC, but only e-mailed in PDF format to mmetzger@nccommerce.com:

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PROPOSAL FORMAT - North Carolina Wine & Grape Council

All proposals are due **November 6, 2009** via email and should be no longer than five (5) pages and contain the following sections:

- Cover Page
 - **Title of Project**
 - **Investigators**
 - **Cooperators**
 - (For investigators and cooperators, include their affiliations, contacts, phone, email. Include percentage of time commitment for each and *be certain each is aware of his or her expected involvement.*)
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- **Objectives:** Express specific aims of the research in clear, concise language. For renewal applications, restate the objectives included in the original grant proposal and indicate changes in objectives in current proposal, if any.
- **Procedures:** Provide sufficient detail for grape industry reviewers to judge the adequacy or appropriateness of the techniques that will be used, including materials and methods, experimental design and methods to analyze the data.
- **Outcome and Benefits Expected:** (economic, environmental, etc.)
- **Accomplishments/Benefits to date:** (for continuing projects) Detailed progress reports are required for continuing projects - due October 29, 2008.
- **Relevant Research Experience/Accomplishments:** (for new projects)
- Last Page: **Budget** (provide details and a brief justification of each item)
 - Salary and wages, including fringe benefits
 - Supplies
 - Equipment
 - Travel
 - Publication cost
 - If funding is also being sought from other sources to support the proposed project, indicate the 1) Source and 2) Amount
 - If this is a multiple year project, complete the following:
 - Year in which project began
 - Anticipated years remaining for project
 - Estimated total cost of project
 - Attach report for any portion already completed (not included in 5-page maximum)

Proposals may contain additional items as required by supporting institution. If supporting institution requires proposal to be in a format incompatible with the format above, please contact the NCWGC prior to submission.