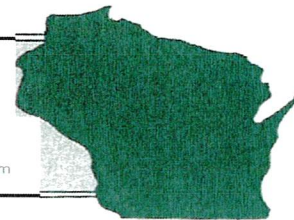

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DATE: September 3, 2025
TO: UW Potato Researchers
FROM: WPVGA Board of Directors
UWCALS Research Division
RE: Request for Proposals for 2026 WPVGA Potato Research

The Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association is requesting proposals for potato research for crop year 2026. Specifications for research are as follows:

Base Funding Proposals:

- Production (Wang)
- Seed Certification (Babler)
- Weed Management (Colquhoun)
- Disease Management (Gevens)
- Insect Management (Groves)
- Breeding (Endelman)
- Fertility Management (Ruark)

Base Funding Proposals (BFPs) in the amount of \$25,000 should include a description of the ongoing disciplinary potato research, new techniques/sciences applied to the base program and linkages to the WPVGA/WWF/UW Collaboration. If applicable, please consider a storage component to your research project proposal. The WPVGA Research Proposal cover sheet should be used for grower review purposes. In addition, Base Funding Proposals must include a completed current and pending support form for the project's PI (suggested template:

<https://www.nifa.usda.gov/application-support-templates>).

Please summarize the existing state of the research on your proposed project. Proposals must be received by the CALS Research Division, via **RAMP by October 2, 2025, by the end of business day. Any requests received after that date and time will not be considered for funding. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

Funding from the Wisconsin Specialty Crop Block Grant Program may be utilized to support the 2026 Base Funding awards. The prime source of such funding is federal USDA/AMS to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection to WPVGA/WPIB. Awards supported through this funding stream will be required to adhere to flow-down terms and conditions from the federal and state sponsors.

Competitive Grant Proposals (CGPs)

The WPVGA will be accepting competitive grant proposals for innovative potato research with a special emphasis on water-related topics. Grants should consider critical areas of concern to the Wisconsin potato industry. Please see the enclosed sheets with more information on the research priorities that have been established. Proposals should not exceed \$15,000, and the Wisconsin Research Proposal Format cover sheet should be used for grower review purposes. **Please summarize the existing state of the research on your proposed project. Proposals must be received by the CALS Research Division, via **RAMP, by October 2, 2025**, by the end of business day. Any requests received after that date and time will not be considered for funding. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

RAMP Submission Instructions

All **COMPETITIVE** grant proposals should route via RAMP as a new *funding proposal*.

In RAMP, choose **Create Funding Proposal (Grants>Funding Proposal)** and enter information. Please use the specific information below in the following sections/fields.

General Purpose Section:

2. Short title of Proposal: **2026 WPIB Comp – PI Last Name – Short Title**

5. Select the direct sponsor: Wisconsin Potato Industry Board (ID MSN100041)

8. Expected start date: 3/15/2026

9. Submission Instructions: Add “Do not route to sponsor, CALS Research Division will submit all applications as a packet to sponsor.”

Personnel Section

4b Member edit rights: Enter Katie Datka and anyone else you wish to have edit rights to the record

Add Attachment (side menu): Upload request for proposal, proposal, budget, and budget justification

BASE FUNDING PROPOSALS (for already existing awards) NEW RAMP PROCESS THIS YEAR! Need to route via RAMP as a ***Funding Proposal Revision to the initial funding proposal record.***
The original FP will be a MSN#.

In RAMP, go to Funding Proposal section (Grants>Funding Proposal). Use the search feature to find FP. Once in FP, click *Create Revision* link (left menu under solid boxes). Please use the specific information below in the following fields.

General Purpose Section:

2. Short title of Proposal: **2026 WPIB Base – PI Last Name – Short Title**

5. Select the direct sponsor: Wisconsin Potato Industry Board (ID MSN100041)

8. Expected start date: 3/15/2026

9. Submission Instructions: Add “Do not route to sponsor, CALS Research Division will submit all applications as a packet to sponsor.”

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Questions about the RAMP processes can be directed to Sandy Fowler or Katie Datka via Teams or at sandy.fowler@wisc.edu and katie.datka@wisc.edu

WPVGA Research Proposal Format
(2 page maximum, not including progress report and current & pending)

Title:

Project Coordinator:

E-mail:

Affiliation:

Cooperators:

Research objectives:

Justification:

Significance to industry:

Summary of existing state of research related to project:

Approach:

Progress: For any projects that are continuations of related previous work, please submit a one-page progress report.

Current & pending: please attach a current and pending list using the USDA proposal format.

Budget including WPVGA funding request:

IMPORTANT DATES

- October 2, 2025 – Deadline for RAMP submission. NO EXCEPTIONS
- October 27, 2025 & October 28, 2025 - Requests and progress reports heard at
Hancock Ag Research Station
N3909 County Road V
Hancock, WI 54943
In-person or via zoom
- January 16, 2026 -Researchers will be notified by this date of approved project