

Agricultural Research Institute (ARI)

“The Agricultural Research Institute (ARI) exemplifies the mission of the California State University system by working for California and its citizens through partnerships across the agricultural industry and beyond. Through the colleges of agriculture on four CSU campuses and allied disciplines across the CSU, the ARI conducts applied research to ensure the sustainability of California agriculture.” ~ CSU ARI Website Homepage

Since 1999, annual Agricultural Research Funds have been allocated from the State of California budget for agricultural research and extension. These funds are awarded to four CSU Member, and two CSU Associate campuses to help fund continuing research in California Agriculture in order to help meet the increased demand for CSU new and innovative applied research technology development.

Member Campuses:

This year, CSU ARI will disperse \$2.66 million among their four Member Campuses. Member campuses have Agricultural Colleges on campus, and include CSU Fresno; Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; Cal Poly Pomona; CSU Chico

Associate Campuses:

Associate campuses are funded via the Chancellor’s Office under a separate allocation. They will share approximately \$350,000 for the FY2018-19 project year. These campuses offer courses in Agricultural Science, and include Humboldt State and CSU Monterey Bay

Funding:

There are three types of funding applications available to CSU ARI Member campuses.

- **System** – As of FY2018-19 Round of Proposals, System funding is open to all 23 CSU campuses, and requires collaboration to include at least one CSU Campus Faculty or Research Scientist in collaboration with another CSU campus Faculty or Research Scientist, or from a UC, or industry or other qualified research organizations faculty or research scientists. The Principal Investigator MUST be from a CSU campus. These can be funded for a maximum duration of 3 years; minimum funding request of \$75,000 per year, and maximum request of \$150,000 per year.
Pre-proposals are required, and requests for a full proposal will be based on a pre-proposal evaluation and ranking.
Number of awards available is dependent on available funding each year.
As of 2020-21 proposal period, System 1:1 match requirements are also now minimum 25% Cash, with remainder In-Kind

- **Campus** – As of proposal cycle 2019-20, Campus Funding is open to all 23 CSU campuses. A non-member campus must collaborate with a member or associate campus in order to propose. Campus grants are funded from 1 to 3 years, with a maximum request of \$150,000 per year. There is no minimum request. No pre-proposals are required.
 - Collaboration is not required for member campus proposals, but encouraged.
 - Number of awards is dependent on available funding each year
 - Campus 1:1 match requires a minimum of 25% cash match, with the remaining 75% In-Kind.
- **Seed** – Seed grants are one year grants open to first through third year **Jordan College** tenure track faculty on Fresno State campus. They are funded to a maximum of \$10,000, and have no match requirements. You may apply for and receive up to TWO seed proposals in your first three years as faculty. We strongly encourage our first through third year faculty to participate in the Call for Proposals for ARI Seed Funding, to familiarize yourself with the ARI proposal process, as well as help build and establish industry partner relationships, and campus research relationships.

Match Requirements:

Both System and Campus Proposals are required to identify 1:1 match for all proposals. This can be match that is currently in-hand, or pending.

System & Campus Proposals both, as of the 2020-21 proposal cycle, now require at least 25% of their match funding to be Cash Match, and the remainder to be In-Kind Match.

- **Cash Match** – Any cash, check and/or other negotiable US currency contribution made by **Non-CSU State General Fund** sources. Cash match funds must be project related and verified with the signature of the Foundation/Auxiliary/State Authorizing Personnel using the ARI Cash Match Verification Form attached to proposal. Cash match funds are set up through CSU Fresno, Foundation.
- **In-Kind Match** – These include any contributions from a **Non-CSU** entity, and can include time, goods, services, equipment or other expendable property of verifiable financial “fair market value”, contributed to the ARI project in support of achieving the objectives presented in the proposal. Matching contributions cannot originate from the CSU State General Fund allocation or other contributions which have been previously utilized as ARI or ARI master grant match.

In-Kind match must be project related and verified with the signature of the Foundation/Auxiliary/State Authorizing personnel using the “ARI In-Kind Match Verification” form attached to the proposal

For additional information regarding Cash and In-Kind Match eligibility, please refer to the [ARI Match](#) handout in your packet.

ARI Quick Reference Table

	Min Funding Request	Max Funding Request	Cash / In-Kind Match Required	Other
System	\$75,000	\$150,000	25% Cash / 75% In Kind	Collaboration required w/CSU or business or UC partner
Campus	None	\$150,000	25% Cash / 75% In Kind	Collaboration not required, but is encouraged
Seed	None	\$10,000	None	None
New Investigator	N/A	N/A	N/A	Fresno does not support New Investigator funding

Annual Reports – Once awarded, both System and Campus projects are required to file an Annual Reports for all multi-year projects, and are due no later than August 15 of each year.

Final Reports – Final reports for all projects are due within 90 days after a project’s scheduled end date. We have the Annual Report and Final Report links available on the Jordan College website.

No-Cost Extension – Requests for No-Cost extension related to **Campus Funded** projects must be submitted in writing to the Campus Coordinator via email, with an appropriate technical justification. No-cost extension requests must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the current project expiration date. If necessary, you may be asked to include a revised timeline for completing the project. A maximum of TWO no-cost extensions can be granted for a project. The request will be reviewed by the Campus Coordinator, with consultation with the Campus Point Person and the Dean. You will be notified by email of the status of your request within a week of your request.

System Funded projects must have a request for a No-Cost Extension submitted directly to the Executive Director of ARI (currently Dr. David Still, Cal Poly Pomona) in writing, via email, with a written justification. You will be notified by the Executive Director or his assistant of the status of your request, once a decision has been reached. **For additional information on No-Cost Extensions, please refer to page 23 of the ARI PPM in your packet.**

ARI Dates to Remember

FY 2021-22 Proposal Deadlines:

- System Pre-proposal Application Deadline: November 12, 2020, 5:00 pm, PST
- System Full Proposal Application Deadline: February 24, 2021, 5:00 pm, PST

****Campus & Seed Proposal Application Deadline: February 24, 2021, 5:00 pm, PST**

- ****Note: CSU Fresno Internal System Application Deadline is November 9, 2020, 11:59 pm, PST**

- CSU Fresno Internal soft **Campus & Seed** application deadline is Tuesday, February 7, 2021 @ 11:59 pm, with revisions due February 15, 2021, 5:00 pm, PST
- **Hard deadline with no opportunity for revisions – February 17, 2021, 5:00 PM, PST**

We strongly encourage faculty to consider ARI research grants. Please use Jordan College Research Center contacts as resources to answer any of your questions regarding applying for ARI funding, as well as helping to clarify policies and procedures. See below for their information.



Your Research Center Contacts

Center for Irrigation Technology – 559-278-2066

Charles Hillyer – Center Director – hillyer@csufresno.edu

Belinda Muñoz – Center Admin Coordinator – bmunoz@csufresno.edu

Viticulture & Enology Research Center – 559-278-2253

Stephan Sommer – Center Director – ssommer@csufresno.edu

Rebecca White – Center Admin Coordinator – rewhite@csufresno.edu

Institute for Food and Agriculture – 559-278-4405

Susan Pheasant – Center Director – spheasant@csufresno.edu

Allyson Baldus – Center Admin Coordinator – abaldus@csufresno.edu

Pre-award partners –

- Works with PI to confirm adequate budget, as well as help source project related match
- Liaison for campus coordinator and campus point person to answer basic ARI questions/concerns

Post award partners - Coordinate with Center DAA's for the following after your awarded:

- Proper match verification & document preparation; then route for approval & proper signatures
- Schedule project meeting and prepare project meeting documents
- Route Final Budget Approval for signatures;
- and send to Campus Point Person in order to secure Approval to Expend

California State University, Fresno – Office of Research and Sponsored Programs



Once you have made the decision to apply please be sure to let our Campus Coordinator, Bill Erysian, know your intent, and please contact Maral Kismetian at mkismetian@csufresno.edu the Jordan College pre-award grant manager in the **Division of Research and Graduate Studies – Sponsored Programs**. She will work with you in preparing your budget, as well as your current and pending support form. You will also be required to attend one of the ARI Workshops, above, for a more in-depth review and instruction on the ARI grant process, procedures, the InfoReady Grant application system. These workshops will also provide information on the pre-award and post award processes. These are presented by our pre-award and post award grant managers.