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**Introduction to
Agricultural Research Institute (ARI)
Research Funding**

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ARI provides a diversified, multi-campus applied research program that annually matches \$4 million in State General Funds with **at least one-to-one external match** for research on high-priority issues facing California agriculture.

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Research priorities

- Agricultural Business
- Biodiversity
- Biotechnology
- Food Science/Safety
- Natural Resources
- Production and Cultural Practices
- Public Policy
- Water and Irrigation Technology

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What does ARI fund?

- Applied agricultural & environmental research through collaborative partnerships to find solutions challenging California agriculture and the environment.
- Search the ARI website to find examples of previously funded projects and project directors.

<https://ari.calstate.edu/Projects/QuickSearchResults.aspx>

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ARI match funding

- A 1:1 match is required from outside industry partners, foundations or federal grant resources, or other (non CSU State General Fund sources)
- A minimum 25% cash match for campus projects and 50% cash match for system projects is required
- In-kind match is donated or pledged contributions of time, goods, services, or equipment of verifiable “fair market value.”

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System Competitive Research Funding (deadline past)

- Funding: Minimum \$75k, maximum \$150k per year
- Collaboration: Required
- Match: 1:1 match required with minimum 50% cash match
- Pre-proposal: Required

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Campus Competitive Research Funding

- **Funding:** No minimum, maximum \$150k per year, however awards are generally \$75k or less per year
- **Collaboration:** Not required
- **Match:** 1:1 match required with minimum being 25% cash match
- **Pre-proposal:** Not required

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How to Apply

- You must have a log-in on the ARI On-Line Project Management (OPM) system in order to submit a proposal.
- If new to ARI, be sure to complete all fields of sign-in sheet. This will be used to establish new accounts in ARI OPM.
- Questions? Contact Linda Lopez-Atkins (lindaa@csufresno.edu)

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Proposal submission portal and required documents

Draft Call for Proposals (September 2013):

- <https://ari.calstate.edu/>

ARI Portal:

- <https://ari.calstate.edu/opm/login.aspx>

Forms/templates:

- <https://ari.calstate.edu/forms.aspx>

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Proposal Submission - Required Documents

Attachments to upload:

- Narrative
- Budget (new template)
- Timeline (template)
- CV's (6 pages maximum)
- Miscellaneous: Match documentation forms, equipment specifications and/or quotes, letters of support, etc.

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Proposal Budgeting – Very Important

- Meet with ORSP to prepare ARI budget
- Budget narrative must match the budget

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Deadlines to apply

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| October 23 - February 14, 2014 | - ARI OPM registration for PI's and all key personnel on project - Discuss proposed project with appropriate JCAST Center Director and your department chair - Line up match funding |
| February 3 - 14, 2014 | - Draft your proposal sections - Project director should meet with ORSP to finalize new budget and PIF |
| February 21, 2014 | - Final proposal submission is due on-line in ARI OPM |

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Electronic Proposal Routing

- Campus point person
- Department chair
- Center Director and UAL Director (if applicable)
- ORSP
- Dean(s)
- Campus Coordinator
- **Proposal is not considered fully submitted in ARI OPM until all approvals are obtained prior to deadline.**

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Campus Proposal Review Process Spring 2014

- 2/3 Fresno State agriculture or related “non competing” faculty
- 2 “off campus” reviewers, i.e., UC, ARS, or other relevant industry or local and federal agency representatives
- Tentatively awarded projects forwarded to the JCAST Dean/ARI Campus Coordinator to initiate ARI award letter detailing project start date (July 1) and match requirements timeline to be met.

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BizFlow

- Grant Manager/PI discuss upcoming proposal
- Grant Manager initiates PIF routing process through BizFlow
- PI receives email notification, approves/denies
- Department Chair approves/denies PIF, then Dean approves/denies
- PIF routed to AVP/VP of Admin
- PIF notification to GM/Analyst, entered into system

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