

GEORGIA Watermelon Association

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CALL FOR 2017 RESEARCH PROPOSALS

The Georgia Watermelon Association is pleased to announce a call for research proposals for the 2017 harvest season.

It is the GWA's intent to focus on projects that will increase the profitability and market opportunities for watermelon growers throughout the southeast. Research topics addressing Fusarium, Anthracnose, seedborne diseases and Phytopthera will be given priority.

The association expects to award approximately \$25,000 for research grants in this round of proposals. There is no cap on proposals.

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

All proposals should be limited to two (2), one sided, white pages with black 12 point font type (preferably Times Roman) and include:

- Investigator name/s with mailing address, telephone, fax number, e-mail address, etc.
- Research title with NEW (or CONTINUED) research project designation
- Need/Justification for research in Georgia and the Southeast
- Proposals evaluating potential benefit (how do you propose to evaluate the cost/benefit?)
- Objectives of the study
- Procedures and locations of the research
- Budget: Include request of GWA funds, contribution of investigator's institution, and any other funding sources which will be available and used for this project. Include cost for the following categories:
 - a. Salary
 - b. Wages
 - c. Supplies
 - d. Travel
 - e. Equipment (major items identified)
 - f. Other costs

Reports of research findings will be distributed to the GWA membership and may also be presented at the 2018 Georgia Watermelon Association Annual Meeting.

The deadline to turn in Research proposals is <u>Friday, January 6, 2017</u>. Projects receiving funds will be notified by February 15, 2017.

Questions pertaining to this call for proposals should be addressed to:

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