



Research Proposal Guidelines

The OSGA supports research projects with the goal of improving and optimizing sugar beet production practices in Ontario.

Instructions:

- The OSGA will accept research proposals on an on-going basis; however, we encourage submissions by **August 31** of each year to allow for sufficient time for review before the next growing season.
- Researchers are strongly encouraged to seek matching funding sources to enhance the scope of their projects.
- The OSGA will accept indirect costs of research up to a maximum of 25%.
- Applicants must submit a completed application to admin@ontariosugarbeetgrowers.ca
- Complete each of the following proposal sections: Research Need, Research Objectives, Proposed Methods, and Budget. Proposal length should be 2-4 pages.
- Research Categories: 1) Sugar Beet Agronomy, 2) Pest Management (Diseases, Weeds, Insects), 3) Equipment, Harvest and Storage, 4) Marketing, Policy and Economics 5) Other.

Project Title			
Project Start Date		Project End Date	
Research Category			
Applicant Information			
Name			
Title			
Organization			
Address			
Email			
Phone			

Research Need (maximum ½ page):

- Clearly describe the research need or question that the project will address. Provide a brief background/literature review of the current relevant knowledge.

Research Objectives:

- Provide clearly defined objectives in point form.

Proposed Methods (maximum 1 page):

- List the experimental approach(es) that will be used to meet the project objectives. Provide as much detail as possible including treatment lists, experimental design, location of field sites, and a timeline of the research project.

Knowledge Transfer:

- Provide details of how the project results will be communicated to the sponsors (OSGA and others). (e.g., field research days, grower meetings, reporting, etc.). OSOA will require an annual report for each project by January 31 of each year.

Budget:

- Provide a detailed estimate of direct research costs of the project (e.g., labour, equipment, land rent (we encourage you to provide fair land rental rates to grower cooperators), operating, travel, analysis, etc.)
- Include indirect costs if applicable, e.g., 25%. OSOA only supports indirect costs up to 25%.
- Provide a breakdown of funding allocation, i.e., portion of total funding requested from OSOA, portion of total funding requested from other agencies (e.g., S-CAP, OMAFRA Alliance Tier 1, etc.) and indicate whether funding is requested/pending or confirmed.
- Add additional rows and columns to budget table as needed.
- OSOA considers projects of varying length (typical maximum of 5 yrs, if appropriate)

Research Costs (all sponsors)	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Direct Costs				
Labour				
Equipment				
Land Rent				
Operating				
Supplies				
Travel				
Knowledge Transfer				
Subtotal				
Indirect Costs (%)				
Total				
Funding Allocation				
OSOA				
Partners (List them) (requested/pending or confirmed)				