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## Memorandum

**Date:** December 1, 2011

**To:** Deans, Directors and Interested Table Grape Researchers

**From:** Franka Gabler, Ph.D

**Re:** Request for Viticulture Research Project Proposals (RFP) – FY 2012-13

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The California Table Grape Commission is now accepting viticulture research proposals for FY 2012-13 (May 1 – April 30). Please visit the commission's website at <http://www.grapesfromcalifornia.com> for copies of this RFP and the proposal and annual progress/final report formats. Announcements of the outcome for new proposals will be made in early May 2012.

**New and continuing project proposals and annual progress reports are due by January 31, 2012 and must be submitted online on the Unified Grant Management for Viticulture and Enology (UGMVE) website at <http://uvegrants.ucdavis.edu>.** The commission does not require a hard copy of the proposal. If applying to other agencies in addition to the commission, please check their RFP for guidelines on the need to submit a hard copy. The UGMVE website was established in 2005 to coordinate grant application submission and review among multiple funding agencies. Principal investigators are required to use the UGMVE website when applying for grants from the below-listed funding agencies. **Note that final reports for completed projects are due April 15, 2012.**

In an effort to maximize available research funds, the commission will, when appropriate, coordinate project funding with the following agencies that share the UGMVE website: American Vineyard Foundation (AVF), California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Pierce's Disease and Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Board (PD/GWSS), California Grape Rootstock Improvement Commission (CGRIC), California Grape Rootstock Research Foundation (CGRRF), California Raisin Marketing Board (CRMB), Oregon Wine Board (OWB) and Washington State Grape and Wine Research Group (WSGWR). **Proposals for research projects with objectives that cross grape industry segments should be submitted to all of the appropriate funding agencies listed above. Broad submission is recommended. Please note that with the continuation of the CDFA PD/GWSS Board, the commission will not be accepting/reviewing proposals dealing with research on PD/GWSS.**

Note that uniform proposal and report formats are being used by the funding agencies listed above which facilitate the use of the UGMVE website for researchers, reviewers and stakeholders. Please find the guidelines for these formats on both the commission's website as part of the RFP

and on the UGMVE website. Please follow these guidelines carefully – page limits for proposals and reports need to be followed strictly.

The commission invites both new and continuing proposals. Consideration of continuing proposals will be contingent upon receipt of annual progress reports from investigators funded in the previous year and the progress documented in the reports as well as their continuing scientific merit and promise of accomplishment. **For consideration of continuing projects, the annual progress report for the previous year must be submitted with the continuing proposal by January 31, 2012.** Proposals will become the property of the commission and will not be returned. Confidential matters should not be included in proposals. Proposals received by the commission will be evaluated by scientific and industry review committees, and awards will be made on the basis of scientific merit and relevance to industry needs.

The commission is fully committed to addressing the research needs of the California table grape industry. Listed below in ranked order of importance to table grape farming operations are top results from the commission’s latest industry survey on key viticulture research topics. The intent of the survey was to help direct the focus of the RFP and ensure that the industry’s viticulture research needs are met.

<b>Research Topics</b>
Mealybugs
Impact of viticulture practices on yield and fruit quality
Physiological disorders (e.g., berry shrivel, waterberry, berry cracking and soft tip)
Plant growth regulators
Extending shelf life
Food safety
Bunch rots
Vine nutrition/balance
Mealybug virus transmission
European grapevine moth
Fertilization/fertigation
Nematodes
Red Globe soft tissue breakdown (e.g., non-botrytis slip skin, postharvest sour rot)
Powdery mildew
Canopy development and vine physiology
Water quality and availability
Breeding for disease resistance and salt tolerance

Based on the same industry survey, commission research categories are also shown below in order of priority to table grape farming operations.

<b>Research Categories</b>
Cultural Practices and Vineyard Management
Pest/Disease/Weed Management
Postharvest
Other (Food Safety, Sustainability, Water Quality and Availability)
Cultivars/Rootstocks

New and continuing proposals should be aimed at addressing the industry's research needs within the above-listed research topics and categories. Proposals must include a description of how the research would address industry needs and should include an explanation of how information developed during the study will be communicated with end users by outreach and extension.

Again, proposals and annual progress reports must be submitted online at <http://uvegrants.ucdavis.edu> and received by January 31, 2012. Note that annual progress and final reports will be published in the commission's annual Viticulture Research Report and posted within the password-protected viticulture research section of the commission's website.

Please forward this information to all of those in your department/organization who you think might be interested.

Thank you for your interest. Please email me ([franka@grapesfromcalifornia.com](mailto:franka@grapesfromcalifornia.com)) or Juli Heindinger, assistant director of viticulture research and technical issues ([juli@grapesfromcalifornia.com](mailto:juli@grapesfromcalifornia.com)), or call 559.447.8350 with any questions.

Regards,



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# Unified Grant Management for Viticulture and Enology PROPOSAL FORMAT FOR THE 2012-2013 FUNDING CYCLE

AMERICAN VINEYARD FOUNDATION (AVF)

CALIFORNIA TABLE GRAPE COMMISSION (CTGC)

CALIFORNIA GRAPE ROOTSTOCK IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION (CGRIC)

CALIFORNIA GRAPE ROOTSTOCK RESEARCH FOUNDATION (CGRRF)

CALIFORNIA RAISIN MARKETING BOARD (CRMB)

CDFA Pierce's Disease and Glassy-winged Sharpshooter Board (CDFA PD/GWSS Board)

OREGON WINE BOARD (OWB)

WASHINGTON STATE GRAPE & WINE RESEARCH (WSGWR)

*The proposal text (sections 1-9) is limited to 8 pages. This limit does not include the budget support summary, budget page, and literature cited (sections 10-12). Use 12 point Times New Roman, 1" margins left, right and top and a 1.5" margin at the bottom that includes page numbers. Do not include a cover sheet. Information previously included in cover sheets is now requested on the Unified Grant Management for Viticulture and Enology website. The proposal should include 12 sections. Indicate each section with bold titles as shown below and include the requested details.*

**1. Project Title:**

**2. Principal Investigator(s):** Name, institutional affiliation, address, phone number and e-mail.

**3. Cooperator(s):** Include the role of each cooperator; ensure they know of their proposed participation.

**4. Objective(s) of Proposed Research or Outreach Project:** Logically arrange and prioritize the objectives.

**5. Justification and Importance of Proposed Research or Outreach Project:** Describe the previous work that has been done to date and the importance of the proposed research and/or outreach effort to the grape and wine industry, or any other industry where grapes could be utilized.

**6. Procedures to Accomplish Objective(s):** For each objective, discuss the procedures you propose to employ. For research projects, be specific enough to discuss plot design, anticipated statistical analyses, methods used in the experiment, and parameters of data collection. For outreach projects, clearly explain your plans to get information to end-users.

**7. Timetable for Project:** Construct a timetable showing when the research to accomplish objectives will be initiated and completed.

**8. Present Outlook and Estimated Success in Accomplishing Objective(s):**

**9. Outreach and Education:** Please explain your strategy for communicating research results to end-users and stakeholders.

**10. Budget Support Summary by Objective(s):** It is critical to prepare a sufficiently detailed budget narrative for all categories, i.e. personnel, benefits, supplies, etc. The proposed budget narrative should have headings that match the respective budget categories. Be specific: materials and supplies would include a list of anticipated purchases, their uses and individual costs; travel must include who, where, how long, costs for lodging/per diem, etc. Failure to provide details on each budget item may seriously delay or reduce funding.

Along with the budget narrative, list each UGMVE coordinating agency to which this proposal is being submitted (AVF, CTGC, etc.) If you are collaborating with an institution other than an UGMVE agency, please be prepared to provide a letter of support. This is not a proposal requirement but may be requested in the award letter.

**11. Total Budget Request:** Prepare a budget that reflects your needs for the length of the proposed project for up to three years. Funding is granted on a year-to-year basis, and continuation of projects must be justified annually. Use the following budget page format:

	% Time on Project	Request 2012-2013	Projected 2013-2014	Projected 2014-2015
Personnel				
Professional				
SRA/Tech				
Lab Assistant				
...Other				
Employee benefits				
Supplies and Expenses				
Items and Cost				
Equipment (itemize when cost >\$1000)				
Items/Cost/Justification*				
Travel				
Trips/Purpose/Costs				
Computer Time				
Overhead (Where appropriate)				

Indirect Costs**				
TOTAL REQUEST				

\* Be specific in terms of actual hours per day or week of estimated use. Please provide monthly or annual salary amount.

\*\* Indirect Costs: Indirect costs cannot be covered by AVF, CRMB, CTGC, CGRIC, CGRRF, CDFA PD/GWSS Board, OWB, or WSGWR.

**12. Literature Cited:** Include pertinent references. References are not included in the 8-page limit for proposals but should follow the body of the proposal as a separate section. Since the proposal process is conducted online, hyperlinks allow the review committee direct access to cited literature. Please check to make sure they work before submitting a proposal.

**Deadline and Institutional Signatures:** Proposals must be submitted on the [Unified Grant Management for Viticulture and Enology](#) website by January 31, 2012. Submission opens December 1, 2011.

Acceptable institutional signatures are those of the department chair, Office of Research, or other person who reviews your research funding. The signature page is not included in the 8-page limit for proposals.

Hard copies of proposals should be sent to the agency/agencies to which you are applying if it is requested in their respective RFP(s).

**Unified Grant Management for Viticulture and Enology  
ANNUAL/FINAL REPORT FORMAT 2012-2013 FUNDING CYCLE**

AMERICAN VINEYARD FOUNDATION (AVF)  
CALIFORNIA TABLE GRAPE COMMISSION (CTGC)  
CALIFORNIA GRAPE ROOTSTOCK IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION (CGRIC)  
CALIFORNIA GRAPE ROOTSTOCK RESEARCH FOUNDATION (CGRRF)  
CALIFORNIA RAISIN MARKETING BOARD (CRMB)  
CDFA PIERCE'S DISEASE AND GLASSY-WINGED SHARPSHOOTER BOARD (CDFA  
PD/GWSS BOARD)  
OREGON WINE BOARD (OWB)  
WASHINGTON STATE GRAPE AND WINE RESEARCH GROUP (WSGWR)

*Annual progress reports are limited to 20 pages, including graphs, tables, and figures. Please do not exceed this limit. There are no limitations on the length of final reports. Use 12 point Times New Roman, 1" margins left, right and top and a 1.5" margin at the bottom that includes page numbers.*

*The proposal should include 9 sections. Indicate each section with bold titles as shown below and include the requested details.*

1. **Summary:** On a separate page and in 500 words or less, provide a concise summary in lay terms of the specific accomplishments for the past year funded. The summary should include the project title and principal investigator's name listed at the top. **This summary is an essential part of any research project and will be used to communicate progress to stakeholders.** Summaries for AVF projects may be posted on the AVF web site.
2. **Annual or Final Report:** Clearly indicate whether this is an UGMVE annual or final report.
3. **Project Title and UGMVE proposal number:** Include not only the proposal title but also the UGMVE proposal number, e.g. 2010-XXX.
4. **Principal Investigator/Cooperator(s):** Name, institutional affiliation, address, phone number and e-mail.
5. **Objective(s) and Experiments Conducted to Meet Stated Objective(s):** The report objectives should match the objectives in the original proposal.
6. **Summary of Major Research Accomplishments and Results by Objective**
7. **Outside Presentations of Research:** List of journals, publications, reports, speeches and other presentations developed for this research. Describe your strategy for communicating research results to end-users and stakeholders.
8. **Research Success Statements:** In a few sentences, describe in detail how your research program benefits the viticulture industry. For example, "This research has provided vintners/growers with the essential tools to control..." **These statements are different from the**

**project summary in that they specifically indicate how the research benefits industry rather than summarizing the past year's progress.**

9. **Funds Status:** Include a general summary of how funds were spent.

If you are seeking continued funding for ongoing projects, annual reports are due with the continuing proposal on January 31, 2012 and should be submitted with the continuing proposal. Final Reports for completed projects are due April 15, 2012.

Please submit the report(s) via the [Unified Grant Management for Viticulture and Enology](#) website. Hard copies of reports should be sent to that respective agency if it is requested in their RFP.