

Washington State Beekeepers Association Request for Proposals 2021

The Washington State Beekeepers Association (WASBA) has a scholarship fund to support research on honey bees. WASBA is seeking proposals for 2021/2022 research projects to be conducted on aspects of honey bee biology related to beekeeping or agricultural production. We anticipate funding up to several projects annually with special consideration being given to requests below a funding cap of \$3000. Projects should be written for a duration of a single year. Studies and/or research projects can be phased to have additional goals/commitments during the next round of funding. Not all projects will require a spring start date to support implementation, so awards may be determined based on the projected start of the data/research implementation. We thoroughly encourage all to participate in this endeavor for the benefit of all beekeepers in Washington state. In that context, we expect and support entrants in not only institutions of higher education, but also high school, 4H, FFA, beekeeping clubs and associations, as well as private citizen projects; who when banded together can produce tremendous amounts of relevant data.

2021 Funding Priorities

Proposals related to the broad areas of apiculture and honey bee biology will be accepted, but WASBA priorities for project support in 2021 include the following general category suggestions:

- Varroa mite issues
- Queen quality and longevity
- Nutritional topics
- Evolving disease/health research
- Winter-to-Spring transition process improvements

Proposals should be no more than four single-spaced pages (12 pt. font), excluding references and should include the following:

1. Title of the proposal
2. Principal investigator(s) name(s) and contact information
3. Brief introduction and significance of the problem
4. Objective(s) of the study
5. Detailed experimental approach to allow for critical evaluation of feasibility
6. References
7. Detailed budget

Note: The expectation is that recipients of awards will present their findings at the WASBA annual convention and, thus, be sure to include travel funds for this meeting in the budget. WASBA does not pay overhead/indirect costs on funded research grants. Please submit your project proposal request to the WASBA Graduate Student Research Committee to research@WASBA.com

As always the WASBA grants committee is available via email to answer any questions about the process or guidance and input on areas of interest for research projects.