



ONTARIO PORK

Outline of Research Proposals

Use the headings listed below to describe the proposal in a comprehensive manner. The proposals must be typed, double spaced and a maximum of 10 pages, including the standard proposal cover page and summary pages (see attached). Failure to follow this outline will influence the committee's assessment of the proposal.

Present Status

This should be a brief description of the information available with references. In what aspects is information lacking? In what way is the limitation of present knowledge affecting the Ontario pork industry? Where else is work on this subject being done and why is it insufficient?

Objectives

What is the intent of the research? Why is it important that this work be done? What specific questions will be answered by this research? Which of Ontario Pork's [research priorities](#) does this project address?

Return to Industry

What is the economic disadvantage imposed by our present state of knowledge? If there is no economic improvement likely but the industry needs the information to remain viable in the future, such as improved waste disposal or availability of trained labour, so state. Ontario Pork will consider funding investigative research where the immediate financial advantages are not evident.

An economic return to the industry is assessed through completion of [Schedules A, B & C](#). These schedules are not applicable to all proposals. **If they are not applicable please indicate on your cover page that they have been examined but are not relevant.**

Procedure

The proposal must have scientific merit. Applicants must provide enough information, to allow anyone not familiar with the research, to know what is going to be done, without providing excessive detail. An indication of numbers of pigs involved, how they are to be handled or the type of laboratory work necessary, acres involved, how the procedures may differ from previous studies and so on, need to be given. If expertise outside the applicants field is needed, who is to provide it?

Literature Review

A broad overview of literature should be included to support the proposal to demonstrate that the proposed research is not duplication existing work.

Milestones and Reports

Clearly indicate if the project is expected to be completed in one year. If the project will take more than one year to complete, indicate the main components of the proposed research plan and when these components are to be completed. When can the trials begin, what is the anticipated duration and when can Ontario Pork anticipate a final report? Please indicate clearly start date, interim report date and final report date. **The final report should contain an Executive Summary, in a form that is suitable for the magazine or newspaper or publication in which the results will be provided to the Ontario producer.**

Budget

A detailed breakdown of the costs is required. Salaries (for whom), equipment, supplies, rent and so on must be listed. If some of the research is to be funded by other sources, provide information. If the research will extend over more than one year, applicants may include a budget for each year. **Ontario Pork will not fund any capital expenditures.** Funds will be provided in three stages: 40% for initiation of the research, 40% once the research is underway and an interim report has been received, the final 20% upon receipt of an acceptable final report.

Collaboration

Please indicate any areas within the project that will involve collaborations with other researchers. Research collaborations are strongly encouraged.

Other Funding Sources

Ontario Pork encourages you to seek other funding from government programs or industry partners. Projects with support from other groups will be assessed more favourably than those relying on Ontario Pork funding alone. If Ontario Pork does not see the pork producers of Ontario as the primary beneficiary of a research effort, then it will not want to be the primary funding source.

Communications Plan

Ontario Pork places a high priority on communicating research results to the end user. Accordingly, a communications plan needs to be developed with each proposal. Ontario Pork will encourage the use of the Pigs, Pork and Progress, Ontario Swine Research Review, Centralia Swine Research Day, the Ontario Pork website, the University of Guelph's PigPens newsletter, Pork News etc., as a means of communication with pork producers. It is our intent to provide information regarding the projects funded, progress reports on the projects, the final conclusions reached, and the application of the results for users whenever possible.

Evaluation of the Proposal by the Research Committee

The proposals are to be assessed by the Research Committee from Ontario Pork, during February 2009 provided they were received prior to January 9th, 2009. The Committee consists of pork producers, extension people and consultants to the Ontario pork industry. The committee may ask for input of independent experts to assess proposals that are of a highly technical nature. The proposal will be assessed on:

- relevance to Ontario Pork producers
- quantifiable, observable end product description
- project milestones towards its product
- post-project indicators that it has impact
- the impact of the proposal and timeline
- appropriateness of the budget
- relation to Ontario Pork's research priorities

All proposals recommended for funding by the Research Committee must be approved by the Ontario Pork Board of Directors. Please note that fulfillment of all criteria does not guarantee funding by Ontario Pork. All funding decisions are at the discretion of the Ontario Pork Board of Directors.