



The Michigan Potato Industry Commission is excited to announce their 2024 request for proposals for research related to the potato industry. The RFP is posted on MSU AgBioResearch's website along with updated research priorities. **Submissions must be submitted and fully routed through MSU's EBS system by 5:00 p.m., December 12, 2023.**

Please note that all potato research proposals being considered by MPIC are required to contain an assessment of all project risks and procedures to protect commercial production of potatoes in Michigan. All proposals submitted must identify any potential risks and provide a mitigation plan to control that risk. Examples of risk such as the use of uncertified seed or trials inoculated with insects, weeds, nematodes, bacteria, or virus.

The Research Committee is currently scheduled to meet **January 16, 2024** to have researchers provide details on proposed work to determine awardees. Brief summaries of current MPIC funded work which highlight important findings must be submitted to the MPIC executive director by **January 8, 2024.**

***NEW* Format for research proposal**

In addition, the Research Committee has the following guidelines for incoming proposals.

MPIC Project Proposal Guidelines

(Not to exceed 4 pages, double spaced, in 12-point font)

- I. Cover Page which should include: (Include a proposal summary)
 - a. Title
 - b. Principal Investigator
 - c. Cooperators
 - d. Summary of Problem
- II. Specific Research Objectives and Hypotheses
- III. Specific Methods and Procedures
- IV. Proposal Impacts to Potato Industry
- V. Project Scope (Describe how this project builds on or supports other research projects)
- VI. Total Budget (including how funding is being split between cooperators)

The MPIC Research Committee will recommend grant funding following the winter meeting based on a predetermined maximum funding level by the MPIC to be awarded in the upcoming crop season. Final approval of all awards will be at the discretion of the Commission at their June meeting.

Grant funding will be distributed over twelve-monthly payments as an "unrestricted gift" designated to the respective fund at Michigan State University beginning July of the year awarded through June of the following year.

Grant recipients will be expected to provide an update to the MPIC Research Committee as part of the summer meeting the year funding is awarded and a final report of findings during the winter meeting. Additional request for presenting the findings to growers may be requested.

Final research reports are due February 1, following the research year to ensure results are available for implementation by growers in the following crop season and for the distribution at the Winter Potato Conference.

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