



The American Beekeeping Federation (ABF) Research Committee has developed a program to support small research projects conducted by beekeepers and members of the beekeeping industry. Resources from the ABF's "Friends of the Bee" fund have been earmarked for this purpose. The amount for the small research project(s) will not exceed \$1500. The submissions will be accepted from April 4, 2016 through May 15, 2016. The winner(s) will be contacted by June 15, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact Regina K. Robuck at reginarobuck@abfnet.org or 404.760.2887

Scope of Research:

Proposals for funding should focus on issues of concern to the beekeeping industry as a whole and to members of the ABF. Projects need to result in a product, solution or method that directly benefits the apiculture industry.

Guidelines for Written Research Proposals: Written research proposals need to include the following items:

(1) Descriptive Title

(2) Researcher Information: Name; Mailing Address; E-mail; Phone Number, Experience

(3) Abstract/Summary: Clear, concise summary of the project in layman's language to include: a) Overall objective of the project; b) Summary of work plan and/or methodology; c) Expected outcomes, product or solution to question addressed.

(4) Introduction:

Clear statement of the problem that you will study and why it is significant to the beekeeping community. Include background information and any literature associated with the problem. Describe the expected outcomes of the proposed research and how beekeepers would use the information that you generate.

(5) Objectives: Clearly state what the goal of the research will be.

(6) Plans and Procedures:

Clearly state how you will study the objectives. Define the experiments you will conduct to address the objectives. Clearly outline how you will conduct the experiments. Discuss how you will interpret the results of experiments. Outline the timeline for conducting and analyzing the results from the research.

(7) Budget:

Define how resources provided by the ABF will be used to support the proposed research. Are you receiving any other funding for this project? Please explain.

(8) Please explain how you plan to complete this project.

The report should be in the following format:

- (1) Title
 - (2) Researcher
 - (3) Introduction
 - (4) Objectives of Research
 - (5) Research Methods
 - (6) Results of Research and Discussion of Findings in Layman's Terms
- Awardees must deliver a 15-minute oral presentation discussing the research project and outcomes of the research at the annual meeting of the ABF subsequent to completion of the research project.

Evaluation and Expectations:

The evaluation of the written research proposal and the expectations of the research projects are as follows:

- Receipt of proposals by the ABF will be confirmed in writing, via e-mail, to the researcher within two (2) weeks after submission.
- Proposals will be evaluated by the ABF Research Committee and results provided to the researcher within two (2) months of receipt of the proposal.
- Projects are to be completed within a maximum of one (1) year from the date of the award or after one field season.
- Awardees must provide a final written report of the outcomes of the research.

Written research proposals should be submitted to the ABF by May 15th via postal mail at: ABF, Attn: ABF Research Committee, 3525 Piedmont Road, Building Five, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30305. Or, sent via e-mail to: reginarobuck@abfnet.org.