

CALIFORNIA GRAPE ROOTSTOCK IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION and THE CALIFORNIA GRAPE ROOTSTOCK RESEARCH FOUNDATION

CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

The California Grape Rootstock Improvement Commission (CGRIC) and the California Grape Rootstock Research Foundation (CGRRF) are now receiving research proposals for Funding Year 2021-2021. **Project proposals are due January 31, 2021.**

The CGRIC was formed in 1993 by a vote of producers of grapevine rootstock and grafted grapevines. The CGRRF was formed in 2000. The mission of the two organizations is **“to fund and support grape rootstock research for the enhancement of the California viticulture and grape nursery industry.”**

Suggested research topics include:

Breeding New Rootstock Materials relative to: drought resistance, salt tolerance, Nematode resistance, Phyloxera resistance and nutrient uptake.

Development of Efficient Production Practices (from source vine to finished plant materials) including: improvement of rootstock production and mechanization.

Cleanliness – Sanitation (from source vine to distribution of finished product) including: maintaining clean source materials, preventing vine to vine contamination, alternatives to hot water treatment, control of rot and other storage issues.

CGRIC and CGRRF are working cooperatively within the Unified Grant Management for Viticulture and Enology website, which includes the following commodity groups and funding agencies to maximize the available research funds: American Vineyard Foundation (AVF), CDFR Pierce’s Disease and Glassy-Winged Sharpshooter Board, the California Table Grape Commission (CTGC), the Oregon Wine Board (OWB). Representatives from all of the named groups have been working together to streamline the research proposal submittal and review process.

Please submit your proposal online at <http://uvegrants.ucdavis.edu>

If you have any questions, please contact CGRIC Research Committee Chairman – Roger Moitoso (916) 441-2031 or CGRRF staff Debbie Murdock (916) 441-1064.