



2024 ASCFG Research Foundation Grant Application

The ASCFG Research Foundation is pleased to announce the continuation of its Competitive Research Grant program. In 2024 the fund will provide one or more grants totaling \$30,000. The competition is open to academic, governmental, and industry researchers. Grant proposals must be submitted to the ASCFG at director@ascfg.org by **December 1, 2024**.

Proposed work to be funded by the ASCFG-RF should be for one year or less in duration, but can be part of a multi-year project. Recipients of a grant for a multi-year project will be given preference when they apply for funding in subsequent years. Proposals should be two pages or less in length and in the following format:

1. Title.
2. Investigators and affiliations.
3. Introduction/justification.
4. Objectives.
5. Procedures.
6. Brief description of investigator's background, including general research interests and a few publications relevant to the proposal topic.
7. Overall budget for the project. If only a portion of the funding would be coming from ASCFG-RF, list other sources, including your own business. Matching funds are encouraged but not required. Indicate the uses for the ASCFG-RF portion of the funding.
8. Organization to whom the check should be written.

No overhead costs will be funded. Final reports are due three months after completion of the work for which the grant was awarded, in the form of an article for *The Cut Flower Quarterly*. The ASCFG-RF expects receipt of copies of any abstracts, publications, and presentations (titles and locations) resulting from the funding research project. Recipients should be prepared to present results from the research project at the ASCFG National Conference or other ASCFG meeting. Results of the grant should benefit specialty cut flower growers. Any topic for research will be considered. Collaboration with cut flower growers to gather samples or test solutions under farm conditions is encouraged.

For more information, contact Steven Crone at director@ascfg.org

ASCFG Research Foundation Grant Application Evaluation

Applicability and relevance of proposed research to the industry **25 points**

Does the research address a current industry issue significant to specialty cut flower growers?

Research objectives are clearly stated **10 points**

Are the research objectives supported by the justification?
Will the research objectives be answered by the proposed research?

Quality of proposed research **20 points**

Does the research adequately address the stated problem?
Are the procedures appropriate?

Ability of researchers to accomplish proposed research **15 points**

Have the researchers conducted prior research related to the proposal topic?

Is the budget appropriate to the project? **10 points**

Inclusion of matching funds **10 points**

ASCFG grant history (only one applies) **10 points**

Successful completion of prior project(s) (10 points)
New researcher never before funded by ASCFG (10 points)
Did not complete requirements for a prior project (0 points)

Total _____