

NPFVGA Call for Research Proposals

The Niagara Peninsula Fruit & Vegetable Growers' Association (NPFVGA) invites research proposals that address grower-identified priorities in apples, tender fruit, grapes, and vegetables. **The budget for projects starting in 2026 is \$50,000.** Funding is intended as seed money to leverage additional support and advance projects with direct benefits to growers.

Process:

- Applicants must complete both Part A: Project Summary and Part B: Full Proposal.
- The Board of Directors will first review Part A to assess alignment with NPFVGA priorities.
- Only proposals deemed relevant will proceed to a full review of Part B.

Part A: Project Summary (for Board screening)

Applicant Information

Lead Researcher:

Institution / Organization:

Contact Email & Phone:

Project Snapshot

Project Title:

Duration:

Total Budget Requested:

Other Funding Sources (if applicable):

Relevance to NPFVGA Priorities

- Production Efficiency
- Pest & Disease Management
- Climate Adaptation
- Soil, Water & Nutrient Management
- Crop Quality & Marketability
- Sustainability / Environmental Stewardship
- Other (please specify):

Objectives

Approach

Expected Outcomes / Benefits to Growers

Knowledge Transfer

Part B: Full Proposal (only reviewed if Part A passes)

(Suggested maximum: 5–7 pages)

1. Background & Rationale – problem statement, literature review, industry context.
2. Detailed Objectives – expanded from summary.
3. Methodology – research design, data collection, analysis, collaborators.
4. Deliverables & Outcomes – anticipated results, potential adoption by growers.
5. Knowledge Transfer Plan – extension activities, outreach to growers, publications.
6. Budget & Justification – breakdown of costs (salaries, supplies, travel, etc.), indicate other funding sources.
7. Timeline – milestones by quarter or year.
8. Research Team & Collaborators – bios of PI and key personnel.

Submission Instructions

- Submit with Part A first, followed by Part B.
- Deadline: December 5, 2025 at 5 p.m.
- Email submissions to npfvga+research@gmail.com