



GROW FURTHER

CONNECTING PEOPLE & IDEAS FOR A FOOD-SECURE FUTURE

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Dear Colleagues,

Grow Further is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing bold, agricultural research that improves nutrition, strengthens climate resilience, and increases incomes for smallholder farmers. We fund forward-looking science that responds directly to the challenges faced by farmers in low- and middle-income countries.

We are pleased to announce that Expressions of Interest are now open for agricultural research projects in India that align with these goals. Selected projects may receive between \$10,000 and \$100,000 per year for a period of two to five years.

Who Can Apply

We invite submissions from legally registered Indian organizations with the capacity to conduct field-based agricultural science. Eligible institutions include:

- Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
(An MoU with Grow Further is under negotiation and expected to be in place when grants are awarded)
- Universities
- India-based campuses of CGIAR and AIRCA centers
- Nonprofit organizations with research capacity and the ability to receive funds from U.S.-based entities (e.g., FCRA registration)

Focus Areas

Proposals should advance at least one of Grow Further's core priorities:

- **Nutrition:** Improve nutritional outcomes through biofortification or the production of nutrient-rich crops, vegetables, legumes, fruits, or fish.
- **Climate Resilience:** Develop solutions for drought, pests, salinity, and other climate challenges, or support smallholders farming in marginal environments.
- **Farm Income:** Increase farmer incomes through innovations that enhance value, quality, or reduce production costs.





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What We Fund

We support research on domesticated species essential to food and nutrition security:

- **Crops:** Cereals, legumes, roots and tubers, fruits, nuts, vegetables, forage crops, edible mushrooms, and more
- **Livestock:** Animals raised for meat, milk, or eggs, including aquatic species
- **Supportive species:** Such as bees, cover crops, and draft animals

We welcome proposals across a broad range of disciplines, including:

Agronomy, crop and soil science, plant protection, animal science, veterinary medicine, agricultural engineering, and ICT in agriculture.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be legally registered in India and eligible to receive funding from U.S.-based organizations
- Have the in-house capacity to conduct agricultural research likely to be adopted at scale
- Emphasize scientific innovation with practical, scalable applications for smallholder farmers (*Note: Projects centered solely on social science, development programming, or extension are not eligible.*)

Key Dates

- **July 11, 2025: Virtual Town Hall & Proposal Writing Workshop** – [Register Here](#)
- **July 25, 2025: Expression of Interest Deadline**

How to Apply

To begin the application process, please complete the [Expression of Interest Form](#). For guidance and to strengthen your proposal, we strongly encourage you to join our July 11 workshop.

We look forward to learning about your ideas to transform smallholder agriculture in India.

Kind regards,

The Grow Further Team

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