



## Ohio Soybean Council Graduate Student Support Grants FY22

On behalf of the Ohio Soybean Council (OSC) Board of Trustees, and the CFAES Center for Soybean Research, graduate students at The Ohio State University are invited to apply for Graduate Student Support Grants. Proposals must be received by the deadline of **June 16, 2022** to be considered by the OSC Board at the next board meeting. These projects can have a duration of up to 12 months, starting on July 1 or October 1, 2022.

The purpose of this program is to support graduate student research, the development of grant-writing skills, and the mission of the Center for Soybean Research to contribute to the Ohio soybean industry. The primary advisor of graduate student applicants must be a member of the Center [for more information about the OSU Center for Soybean Research visit <https://soybean.cfaes.ohio-state.edu/>]. Special instructions on Graduate Student Support Grants are provided below.

All proposals should be submitted through the Ohio Soybean Council online project management system (<http://projects.soyohio.org>). **You will need to contact Carla DeBoard at [cdeboard@soyohio.org](mailto:cdeboard@soyohio.org) to secure a username and password in order to log in for the first time.** Please secure a login prior to the proposal deadline. After you have logged on, to submit a new proposal please click on the "Proposals" tab, and then click on "Create New Proposal." Please see the attached screen shot for reference. Also attached are screen shots for saving proposals as drafts before submitting them, and for submitting project invoices and reports. The deadline for submitting new proposals for the Graduate Student Support Grant Program is **June 16, 2022**.

The mission of the Ohio Soybean Council is to invest soybean checkoff funds to maximize the value of soybeans and increase profit opportunities for Ohio farmers. To achieve this mission, the Ohio Soybean Council Board of Trustees has developed a three-year strategic plan with several goals and objectives. A copy of the OSC Strategic Plan is attached for your reference, and also will be available on the online project management system.

After you have clicked on "Create New Proposal" in the online proposal system, you will see a form that requests basic information regarding your proposal, including contact information, an executive summary and a project budget. In addition to completing this information, please attach a document of no more than three pages in either PDF (.pdf) or Word (.doc) format that addresses the following:

### Graduate Student Support Proposals

- 3 page maximum for proposal narrative, not including budget, literature cited, or support letter. Pages must be 8.5x11" with 1" margins and a minimum 12 point font
- Proposals are expected to be written by graduate students with the guidance of the faculty advisor. The student's primary advisor must be member of the OSU Center for Soybean Research.

- The maximum allowed budget is \$10,000 for a one-year duration and must adhere to all OSC budgetary guidelines. Funds will be administered through the OSU Center for Soybean Research. We anticipate giving two awards.
- Funded students will be required to disseminate their research results in at least one professional society or extension meeting.
- Do NOT submit your budget to the Grants and Contracts office or submit an ePA-005 form.
- Students are eligible to receive only one grant per degree program.
- Funding decisions will be made by the Ohio Soybean Council.
- Reporting requirements are the same as for regular OSC grants. In addition, students are required to provide at least one public dissemination of project results (presentation and extension or scientific meetings, publications, extension material, etc.)
- Proposal outline
  - Title, Name of applicant, Name of applicant's primary advisor
  - OSC Goal the project would address – please choose from the three OSC Goals in the OSC Strategic Plan
  - Project start date- indicate a desired start date of either July 1 or Oct 1, 2022 on the proposal
  - Project Purpose – describe what the project is designed to accomplish and how it would enhance profit opportunities for Ohio Soybean farmers
  - Project Work Plan – describe how you propose to accomplish the work outlined in the proposal;
  - Literature cited (not part of the 3-page limit)
  - Budget (not part of the 3-page limit) – provide a detailed line-item budget – preference will be given to projects that do not contain capital spending and can be completed within 12 months
  - Letter of support from primary advisor (not part of the 3-page limit) -- indicating the advisor's approval of the project and willingness to direct the student in the proposed research