

# **Texas Beekeepers Association**

## **2016 Honey Bee Research Grant**

### **Call for Proposals**

### **Description and Application Instructions**

The Texas Beekeepers Association (TBA) is sponsoring a new competitive grant program developed with donations received from beekeepers and others interested in funding research on contemporary and relevant problems affecting the health and well-being of honey bees (*Apis mellifera*).

Proposals will be solicited annually with award amounts to be determined in the fall before the TBA Annual Convention. Requests for “seed money” to provide investigators the opportunity to collect preliminary data or as “add on” funds to combine with other funding sources to continue present research will also be considered. Requests for support of student projects or for equipment or supplies for distinct research projects will be given highest priority. We welcome separate discrete project proposals and requests that identify pieces of ongoing research programs where additional funds can accomplish components of an objective of a larger project. Grant funds may be used for supplies, equipment, salaries, travel or other appropriate uses by the recipient. As a nonprofit organization, the TBA does not pay overhead nor institutional indirect costs on funded research grants. The grantee will be expected to keep receipts of all transactions paid for with grant funds.

**There will be one (or potentially more) award(s) available in 2016. The total amount available for all awards is \$3,000.** The award for the selected research proposal(s) will be announced at the TBA 2016 Annual Convention on November 3 – 5, 2016 and the awarded funds will be available by November 15, 2016. All proposed work for the research objective funded by this award should be completed between 1 December 2016 and 1 November 2017. The TBA will publicize the award to aid in solicitation of additional funds for future research grants. The principle investigator must present their research results at the 2017 TBA Annual Convention in November 2017 (location and dates to be announced later). Additionally, the TBA will cover all lodging and travel expenses up to \$750, for each grant awarded, in order for the principal investigator to attend the 2017 TBA Convention and present their research results. **The deadline for the 2016 TBA Research Grant application is 5:00 PM CST October 31, 2016.**

### **Proposal Submission Criteria**

1. Research Proposals are welcome from all graduate students currently enrolled in a Texas University studying any aspect of honey bees, bee husbandry and/or the apicultural industry. The role the applicant (investigator) will perform, if awarded the funds, should be clearly stated.
2. Research Proposal should briefly outline the objective and a plan of work, to be completed within one year of funding, and a justification for the proposed work. If intended as “seed money,” the proposal should clearly state how the funds will enable the investigator to secure additional funding for project continuation. Proposals should not exceed five written pages in total length (double-spaced) excluding title page, budget, and résumé. **Only electronic submissions will be accepted as one PDF.**
3. The proposal should be arranged in the following format and sent as a single PDF:
  - a) Cover page to include title, name, address, e-mail, and telephone of investigators(s) and title/ affiliation of investigator

- b) Justification
- c) Objective(s)
- d) Project description
- e) Plan of work/timetable
- f) Budget
- g) Short CV of each participant not to exceed 2 pages
- h) The name of the principal investigator needs to appear on every page of proposal (very important)

4. An electronic copy of the proposal should be submitted to the TBA Grant Selection Committee as a single PDF by 5:00pm CST October 31, 2016 to the email below:

**TBA Executive Secretary - John Talbert: [beekeeper1959@gmail.com](mailto:beekeeper1959@gmail.com)**

Proposal must indicate how results will be disseminated if grant is funded. Investigators must present their work to a future TBA annual meeting and through the TBA journal (in summary form) if at all possible, but other funds should be used for such dissemination. An acknowledgment of TBA support should be included in any presentations or publications resulting from the research.

## **Proposal Review Process**

TBA will review each proposal with a three-person proposal review board. At least one person in the review board will be a member of the TBA Board of Directors. None of the review board members will have a direct connection to any research project for which a proposal has been submitted.

Evaluation of proposals will be made on the following criteria: scientific merit, relevance of the proposed project to Texas Beekeepers, reasonableness of the budget proposal to the actual work to be performed and interest of proposed research to TBA members. All funds must be expended by June 30, 2017 and an accounting of expenditures made available to the TBA treasurer by August 1, 2017.