

**This request is being sent on behalf of the Director's Office**

**Request for Equipment Funding Support  
Texas A&M AgriLife Research  
LAR, Hatch-Multistate, and McIntire-Stennis Federal Funds (FY24)**

The 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature appropriated funds to Texas A&M AgriLife Research to support specialized instrumentation and equipment to increase the research capability of Texas A&M AgriLife Research. In addition, Texas A&M AgriLife Research has limited funding available to assist faculty who hold an active Hatch, Hatch-Multistate, or McIntire-Stennis project to purchase scientific equipment or enhance research capacity.

**Eligibility:**

- Faculty holding appointments with AgriLife Research (including joint appointments with a minimum of a 25% AgriLife Research appointment) are eligible for this funding opportunity. COALS, VMBS, and AgriLife Extension with a 25% or greater AgriLife Research appointment are also eligible.
- Please verify your eligibility with Chad Houston [chad.houston@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:chad.houston@ag.tamu.edu) in Project Records (i.e., have an active Hatch, Hatch-Multistate, or McIntire-Stennis project and submitted a current annual or final report by the March 1, 2023 deadline). A principal investigator ("PI") who does not have an active Hatch, Hatch-Multistate, or McIntire-Stennis project will require AgriLife Research Director's approval prior to submitting a proposal.
- A PI may select to submit a laboratory equipment proposal (A) or farm equipment proposal (B), but not both. If a faculty member submits more than one proposal as PI, all proposals by that faculty member will not be considered. However, individuals may be listed as a co-PI on multiple proposals.
- Proposals received after **5:00 pm (CST) on August 30, 2023**, will not be considered for funding.

**To request funding support, please complete the below questionnaire by clicking the link:**

**[Farm and Laboratory Equipment Funding](#)**

Please submit equipment quotes and completed USDA pre-approval forms as a PDF attachment to [rachel.tydlacka@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:rachel.tydlacka@ag.tamu.edu) by 5:00 p.m., **August 30, 2023**. In the body of the email, please reference the PI for the proposal.

**\*\*subject line of email must read EQUIPMENT QUOTE\*\***

**A – Laboratory Equipment Proposals**

**Proposal Submission Criteria**

Please complete the necessary fields in the link provided above and submit prior to 5:00 p.m. on August 30, 2023. The funds must be fully expended by July 31, 2024. Any funds remaining after August 31,

2024, will be returned to the AgriLife Research Director's office. When requesting equipment, please consider the following:

- Equipment funding requests may support the purchase of a single piece or a cluster of equipment. The total cost of the equipment is unlimited, but AgriLife Research may provide funding up to \$150,000 for requests that benefit multiple faculty members or facilitate collaborations among AgriLife faculty. Requests that serve a single PI are discouraged.
- Equipment must be scientific laboratory equipment, used only for research, medical, scientific, or other technical activities. This includes but is not limited to microscopes, x-ray machines, surgical instruments, spectrometers, etc. Funds cannot be used for general purpose equipment, computers, motor vehicles, office and laboratory furnishings, air conditioning equipment, copying, and printing equipment, audio-visual equipment, service contracts, or supplies.
- No custom equipment will be considered due to timing.
- Must be a U.S. Vendor. Foreign vendors are ineligible.
- The proposal must include quotes for all equipment and completed USDA pre-approval forms. Quotes and forms must be sent as a PDF attachment to [rachel.tydlacka@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:rachel.tydlacka@ag.tamu.edu) by 5:00 p.m., August 30, 2023. In the body of the email, please reference the PI for the proposal. The subject line of email must read **\*\*EQUIPMENT QUOTE\*\***

### Criteria for Selection

- Description/merit of the PI and co-PI's research programs to include research area, major technologies or techniques used in the research, strategic direction of the research program, and summary of scholarly productivity/extramural awards (last 5 years).
- Need and justification for the equipment to explain how the equipment will enhance the PI and co-PI's research productivity and competitiveness for extramural awards and/or facilitate collaborations among AgriLife faculty.
- Multi-department or multi-unit proposals will receive a more favorable review.
- Proposals that include matching support (either departmental or PI and co-PI support) are preferred.
- Established participation (e.g., meetings attended) in the Hatch, Hatch-Multistate, or McIntire-Stennis projects and related research will receive more favorable review.

### B – Farm Equipment Proposals

#### Proposal Submission Criteria

Please complete the necessary fields in the link provided above and submit prior to 5:00 p.m. on August 30, 2023. The funds must be fully expended by July 31, 2024. Any funds remaining after August 31, 2024, will be returned to the AgriLife Research Director's Office. When requesting equipment, please consider the following:

- Farm equipment funding requests may support the purchase of a single piece or a cluster of equipment. The total cost of the equipment is unlimited, but AgriLife Research may provide funding up to \$250,000 that will benefit multiple faculty members or facilitate collaborations among AgriLife faculty. Requests that serve a single PI are discouraged.
- Farm equipment is equipment that will have a positive impact on a research program's field operations. This includes but is not limited to vehicles, tractors, combines, irrigations systems, animal handling facilities, etc.

- Custom equipment may be considered as long as it will be completed by the July 31, 2024, deadline.
- Must be a U.S. Vendor. Foreign vendors are ineligible.
- The proposal must include quotes for all equipment and completed USDA pre-approval forms. Quotes and forms must be sent as a PDF attachment to [rachel.tydlacka@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:rachel.tydlacka@ag.tamu.edu) by 5:00 p.m., August 30, 2023. In the body of the email, please reference the PI for the proposal. The subject line of email must read **\*\*EQUIPMENT QUOTE\*\***

### Criteria for Selection

- Description/merit of the PI and co-PI's research programs to include research area, major technologies or techniques used in the research, strategic direction of the research program, and summary of scholarly productivity/extramural awards (last 5 years).
- Need and justification for the equipment to explain how the equipment will enhance the PI and co-PI's research productivity and competitiveness for extramural awards and/or facilitate collaborations among AgriLife faculty.
- Multi-department or multi-unit proposals will receive a more favorable review.
- Proposals that include matching support (either departmental or PI and co-PI support) will receive a more favorable review.
- Established participation (e.g., meetings attended) in the Hatch, Hatch-Multistate, or McIntire-Stennis projects and related research will receive more favorable review.

### Key Dates

- August 30, 2023 – Proposals due to AgriLife Research (through the RFP link), quotes and completed USDA pre-approval forms submitted to [rachel.tydlacka@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:rachel.tydlacka@ag.tamu.edu)
- September 22, 2023 – Eligible/high priority proposals selected, and PIs informed.
- July 31, 2024 – All equipment purchased and funds expended
- August 31, 2024 – Remaining funds not expended will be returned to AgriLife Research

**Questions regarding this opportunity:** Contact Angela Bailey



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