Egg Farmers of Canada Research Grants Applicant Guidelines

1. EFC’s Call for Letters of Intent Process

Researchers are invited to complete and submit an online research application during Egg Farmers of Canada’s (EFC) call for Letters of Intent (LOI). Following each call, submissions are evaluated by the Research Committee of EFC’s Board of Directors. Selected projects are then invited to submit a full proposal. All applicants will be notified of the Committee’s decision.

2. How to apply for research funding

Researchers are invited to complete and submit a LOI through EFC’s website (https://www.eggfarmers.ca/research/) during the call for LOIs. The online LOI form will only be accessible during EFC’s call for LOIs. To be considered for funding, research projects must align with Egg Farmers of Canada’s research priorities and have a practical application within the industry.

3. Applicant eligibility

To be considered for funding, the Principal investigator (PI) must work full-time at a Canadian institution or organization. There are no specifications or requirements regarding the faculty or academic status of the PI. The PI, co-investigators and/or collaborators for each research project will be evaluated holistically to assess the strength of the research team and the expertise each member brings to the project.

4. What type of research does EFC fund?

Egg Farmers of Canada funds research at universities across the country to address the issues that matter to the egg industry. The Research Funding Program factsheet lists EFC’s research priorities, which can also be found here.

5. Funding requirements: minimum and maximum limits

Currently, there is no minimum or maximum limit to the amount of funds a PI can request for a research project. Total amount of funds requested is taken into consideration along with other important criteria, including alignment of the project with EFC’s research priorities and their practical application to the industry and to consumers. EFC encourages PIs to submit LOIs with multiple funding sources.
6. Submitting more than one project

There is no limitation to the number of LOIs a researcher can submit. Researchers are welcome to submit applications for multiple projects that align with Egg Farmers of Canada’s research priorities at the same time and for projects that overlap with an existing project.

7. Duration of project

EFC understands that sound research takes time. There is no limitation to the length or duration of a project funded through EFC’s research program. Past projects have ranged from one to as many as four years. Regardless of length, timeliness is considered at the evaluation phase, and clear milestones and deadlines must be outlined for each project.

8. Overhead costs

EFC does not offer funding to cover overhead or indirect costs associated with a research project. EFC’s focus is to maximize the resources directly associated to and available for the research project.