



Nate's Hives Research Grant Program

The purpose of the Research Grant Program is to inspire and fund research that drives innovation to support the long-term success of the honey industry.

Nate's Hives is the largest beekeeper in the country. Its parent company is Sweet Harvest Foods, the largest honey company in the U.S. and sponsor of the Nate's Hives Research Grant Program. The mission of Sweet Harvest Foods is to lead the honey industry by innovating from the hive to beyond the kitchen, and we are committed to the continuous improvement of honey bee health, honey production and beekeeping practices.

How to Apply

To submit the research grant form and learn about next steps, please visit <https://nateshives.com/research-grant-program/>.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who Can Apply? Proposals are welcome from: • Universities and academic institutions • 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations • Industry researchers and groups *Note: Sweet Harvest Foods' employees and immediate family members are not eligible to apply. Research Focus Areas Proposals should address one or more of these priorities (not exhaustive): • Honey bee health • Sustainable beekeeping practices • Pollination & forage • Environmental impacts • Supply chain innovation • Consumer demand & nutrition impacts • Trade policy & production economics Funding Distribution Up to \$100,000 will be awarded annually and may be awarded in full to a single program or divided among multiple programs, and span up to three years. The distribution depends on the needs and merits of each proposal submitted. It is likely that the grant selection committee awards program funds to more than one grantee in support of making an impact across multiple initiatives. For more insight, see the 2026 recipients.	Grant Program Timeline • Submission deadline: February 5, 2027 • Award announcement: April 22, 2027 Proposal Requirements Proposals (5–10 pages*) must include: • Project title & abstract • PI(s) & institutional affiliation • Project description (objectives, methods, expected outcomes) • Budget (itemized spending by year, including indirect fees) & justification • Timeline & milestones • Impact statement (benefit to honey bees, beekeepers and/or honey industry) • Biosketches of key personnel *CVs/resumes and references are not included in the 10-page limit Review Process Applications will be reviewed by a board of Sweet Harvest Foods employees and external experts from academia and the beekeeping industry. Proposals will be evaluated for: • Mission • Innovation • Feasibility • Impact • Financial Justification • Qualifications of Team
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