



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 apiary company of Sweet Harvest Foods, the largest honey company in the U.S. Our mission 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

<p>Who Can Apply? Proposals are welcome from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Universities and academic institutions• 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations• Industry researchers and groups <p>*Note: Sweet Harvest Foods' employees and immediate family members are not eligible to apply.</p> <p>Research Focus Areas Proposals should address one or more of these priorities (not exhaustive):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Honey bee health• Sustainable beekeeping practices• Environmental impacts• Supply chain innovation• Consumer demand & nutrition impacts• Trade policy & production economics <p>Funding Distribution Up to \$100,000 will be awarded annually and may be awarded in full to a single program (for example, supporting a student researcher) or divided among multiple programs (such as covering equipment and supplies), and span up to three years. The distribution depends on the needs and merits of each proposal submitted.</p>	<p>Grant Program Timeline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submission deadline: March 1, 2026• Award notification: April 15, 2026 <p>Proposal Requirements Proposals (5–10 pages) must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project title & abstract• PI(s) & institutional affiliation• Project description (objectives, methods, expected outcomes)• Budget & justification• Timeline & milestones• Impact statement (benefit to honey industry)• CVs/biosketches of key personnel <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scientific merit & innovation• Feasibility & methodology• Relevance to the honey industry• Research team qualifications• Financial need
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