

Request for Research Funding Proposals (RFP)

Specialty Seed Growers of Western OR (SSGWO) - Annual Grant Program

Dates to Remember (for a 2-year funding project):

Proposals Due:	October 8, 2026
Proposal Presentations to SSGWO Board of Directors and Research Committee:	November 4, 2026 (tentative)
Awards Announced:	November 2026
Funding Available:	January/February 2027
Written Progress Reports Due:	June 14, 2027 & September 15, 2027
Verbal Progress Report Due:	February 2028 SSGWO Annual Meeting
Final Report Due:	November 1, 2028

Proposal(s):

Proposal(s) should focus on research important to Oregon's specialty seed crop production. Research may be basic or applied. Preference will be given to proposals that may eventually lead to practical products or practices. Research priorities for the 2027-28 application cycle includes (but not limited to):

- Lambsquarters
- Pigweed
- Palmer amaranth
- Water hemp
- Lygus bugs
- Symphylan control
- Irrigation methods
- Weed control/herbicide resistance
- Diamondback moth control
- Seed corn maggot control
- Non-chemical weed management tools

The proposal deadline is 11:59 p.m. October 8, 2026. Late proposals will not be accepted. Submit to: SSGWO Administrator via email at angie@pacwestresources.com.

Proposal Format:

Below is a suggested format for proposal requests. Please use single spaced text with 12-point font and 1-inch margins. Awards will be decided by the SSGWO Board of Directors and Research Committee, which consists of specialty seed crop producers and industry representatives.

- Justification
- Objectives
- Procedures
- Impact
- References cited (six maximum)
- Duration of study
- Budget

Budget:

We request a detailed, fiscally responsible budget submitted with the proposal.

Awards:

Awards will be announced, and funds will be available by early February 2027. The award amount will be at the discretion of the Research Committee regardless of requested budget, with a maximum award of \$10,000. The project must be completed within two years unless an extension is granted or additional proposals for funding are requested and approved.

Progress Reports:

We ask that written progress reports be no longer than 3 single-spaced pages. In addition to the reports due June 14, 2027, and September 15, 2027, a 10-15 minute verbal presentation will be requested at the annual SSGWO membership meeting in February 2028, final date to be determined.

Contact:

Questions about this process can be emailed to the SSGWO Administrator, Angie Smith, at angie@pacwestresources.com.