

Growing Impact Award: Pre- Application

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About FFAR

FFAR, established in 2014 by the Farm Bill, connects funders, researchers and farmers to pioneer the next frontier of agriculture innovation.



Our Mission

We build collaborative partnerships to support audacious science addressing today's food and agriculture challenges.



Our Vision

We envision a world in which pioneering, collaborative science provides every person access to affordable, nutritious food grown on thriving farms.



FFAR's Impact

400+

GRANTS AWARDED

\$1:\$1.40

MATCHING RATIO

550+

PARTNERS

\$775M

FUNDING AWARDED



We Fund Pioneering Research

BY FOCUSING ON THESE PRIORITY AREAS:

- Cultivating Thriving Production Systems
- Bolstering Healthy Food Systems
- Sustaining Vibrant Agroecosystems
- Strengthening the Scientific Workforce*

**Not in scope for the Growing Impact Award.*



Cultivating Thriving Production Systems

Our Production Systems research supports animal and crop systems to increase productivity, combat pest and disease threats, support animal welfare and safeguard farmers' livelihoods.



Sustaining Vibrant Agroecosystems

Our Agroecosystems research deepens our understanding of how agriculture systems interact with the surrounding environment to help farmers optimize resource use and enhance productivity.



Bolstering Healthy Food Systems

Our Food Systems research promotes the availability of nutritious foods, improves human health, develops novel food processes and products and advances the U.S. food system's functionality.



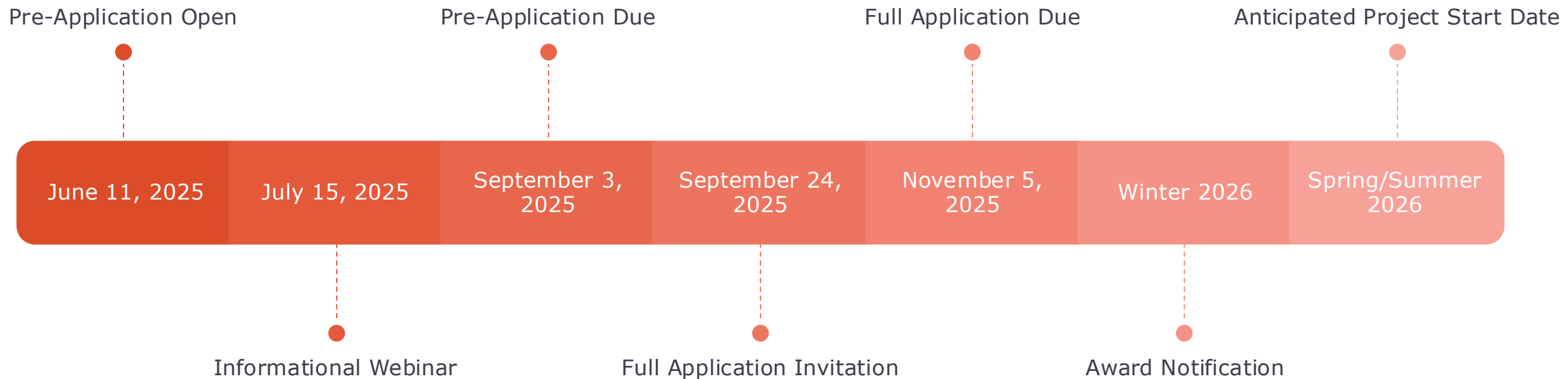
Growing Impact Award

A competitive program designed to build on promising research from past Seeding Solutions and New Innovator in Food & Agriculture Research Award (NIA) recipients.

This program was established to **expand on FFAR's successful investments and provide opportunities for high-performing projects to translate research outputs into greater impacts** aligned with FFAR's Research Strategy, benefiting U.S. agriculture.

Research funded through this program will accelerate innovation, expand impact, strengthen public-private partnerships and encourage more integrated research of previous FFAR-funded projects.

Timeline & Key Dates



Program Criteria

Prospective projects must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- extends the original FFAR-funded work in a new dimension; and/or
- expands the previous FFAR-funded approach to include new interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary research approaches; and/or
- translates and applies the previous FFAR-funded research into a commercial application, product or service.

Projects must be aligned with FFAR's Research Strategy and contribute to one of these three research Priority Areas: Cultivating Thriving Production Systems, Sustaining Vibrant Agroecosystems or Bolstering Healthy Food Systems.

Program Budget

- Individual proposal budget requests may range from \$600k to \$4M total with \$300k to \$2M requested from FFAR.
- Projects must have a planned duration of 12-60 months.
- FFAR will make up to \$10M in awards under this program.
- Matching funds are required.

NEW at FFAR: As of July 1, 2025, the indirect cost (IDC) rate for all proposals has been changed from 10% of total project costs to 15% of total direct costs.

More Information: <https://foundationfar.org/grants-funding/applicant-policies-and-guidelines/>

Eligibility Details

Timeline

- This program is open to investigators on FFAR-funded Seeding Solutions and NIA projects that either:
 - 1) will complete 75% of the award period of performance by November 5, 2025** (including any no-cost extensions) **or**
 - 2) were completed on or after November 5, 2023.**
- Projects completed before November 5, 2023 are not eligible to apply.

PI

- Any investigator from the original FFAR-funded project under Seeding Solutions or NIA is eligible to be the PI on the Growing Impact Award proposal, but **only one application can be submitted from each previously funded award.**

Eligibility FAQ

COMPLETE FAQ ON WEBPAGE

I haven't submitted my final reports; can I still apply? All required annual and final reports must have been submitted and approved by FFAR by the Growing Impact Award full proposal deadline of November 5, 2025.

I moved to a different institution; can I still apply? Yes.

Can my institution submit more than one proposal? Yes, institutions are not limited to the number of proposals submitted to this program.

I participated in an eligible project; how do I know if I can submit as a PI to this program? Contact your original PI, or if that is not possible, contact your FFAR Scientific Program Director.

Pre-Proposal Components

Previous Proposal

- Title
- Reference \$
- PI

If the PI for the Growing Impact Award proposal is different from the PI on the original FFAR-funded project, a letter of recommendation from the original PI is required.

GIA Proposal

- Organization Information
- PI (name, affiliation, contact information)
- Project Title (*up to 50 words*)
- Project Timeline
 - Proposed project start date
 - Proposed project duration (*must be between 12-60 calendar months*)
- Geographic Location of Research

Proposal Information

- FFAR Research Strategy and Priority Area alignment
- Short statement of Principal Investigator suitability, referencing their role in the previous FFAR-funded project. (up to 200 words) (*It is recommended to include article links or other scientific output citations from the previous project*).
- Up to five key words or phrases representing the core scientific concepts.
- Short description of the Growing Impact Award proposal topic (up to 500 words).

Resources

Growing Impact Award Opportunity Webpage

- <https://foundationfar.org/grants-funding/opportunities/growing-impact-award-request-for-applications/>

Applicant Resources

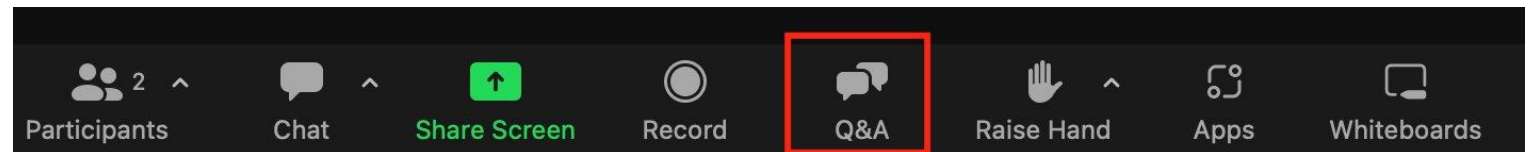
- <https://foundationfar.org/grants-funding/>
- Grants Office Hours: <https://foundationfar.org/events/grants-office-hours-applicants/>

Contacts

- Growing Impact Award email: growingimpactaward@foundationfar.org
- Grants Department email: grants@foundationfar.org
- If you have questions regarding the scope of a research idea for this program, please contact your FFAR Scientific Program Director.

Q&A

Please utilize Zoom's Q&A function to type your question or raise your hand to speak.





Thank you for attending.

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