



International Consortium for Antimicrobial Stewardship in Agriculture (ICASA) 2026 Request for Applications

Full Proposal Narrative Questions

* This document is intended to be used as an offline resource to draft answers to the narrative questions. It will not be accepted as a portion of the online application. All final answers must be entered into the online application form.

Key Dates

Full Application Invitation: July 15, 2026 by 5 p.m. EDT

Full Application Informational Webinar: August 18, 2026 at 12 p.m. EDT

Full Application Due: September 2, 2026, by 5 p.m. EDT

Award Notification: Early 2027

Anticipated Project Start Date: May to October 2027

Program Overview

The [International Consortium for Antimicrobial Stewardship in Agriculture](#) (ICASA) was established by the [Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research](#) in 2019 to fund antimicrobial research to promote targeted antibiotic use, advance animal health and welfare and increase transparency in food production practices in the U.S. beef and swine sectors. Participants and additional project-level partners matched FFAR funds, resulting in a total investment of \$15 million to fund 31 research projects to advance antimicrobial stewardship.

In 2025, FFAR and several partners recommitted to ICASA to fund research that continues advancing antimicrobial stewardship in the U.S. beef and swine sectors. This renewed effort aims to promote healthier livestock by investing in practical solutions, such as new technologies and management practices, that promote judicious antibiotic use, produce healthier beef cattle and swine and improve animal welfare. **This request for applications**



reflects ICASA's continued commitment to advancing antimicrobial stewardship in the U.S. beef and swine industries.

Project Title

Provide a short title that captures the essence and communicates the importance of the proposed project to a lay reader (up to 50 words).

Research Key Words

Please provide key words or phrases that capture the subject matter of your application (up to 20 words).

Project Abstract

Should the proposed project be selected for funding, this abstract would be used in the funding announcement, and it is intended for a general audience (do not include proprietary information in this section). Describe, in simple, nontechnical terms, the overall goals of the proposed project, the potential significance of the results, and the impact of the work on advancing the food and agriculture sector (up to 250 words).

Project abstracts must be included only in the online portion of the application and must not be included as a separate attachment. The Grant Management Site cannot support special characters, and any non-ASCII symbols will be converted to question marks ("??") upon submission. The full term instead of the symbol must be used.

Project Description and Approach

The project description should provide a clear statement of the work to be undertaken. The project description must contain the following subheadings, address the stated prompts, and be limited to 5,250 words:

1. Background information and justification for the proposed research (up to 2,500 words)
2. Clearly stated research question and associated hypothesis (up to 250 words)
3. Detailed description of the research plan, methodologies and methods (up to 2,500 words)



Project Outputs and Outcomes

Clearly describe how the project, if successful, will have a major impact on the food and agriculture sector. Summarize how the proposed research creates new paradigms or challenges existing ones (Up to 500 words). Please ensure that the project outcomes align with the required Gantt Chart.

Impact

Description of how the proposed research builds upon existing knowledge or related research projects and how the research results will be impactful in the U.S. beef or swine sector and outline the impact pathway on antimicrobial stewardship (up to 500 words).

Project Scalability

Description of pathway(s) to adoption, scalability and/or commercialization if applicable, in the U.S. beef or swine industry and potential barriers to adoption or regulatory obstacles and how those barriers or obstacles will be addressed. (up to 500 words).

Data Management Plan

FFAR requires that, where possible, project data and results be shared broadly. To facilitate data and results sharing, a proposal submitted to FFAR must include a Data and Results Management Plan which should include a communication plan to amplify outcomes to stakeholder audiences. Plans should include a description of what type of data are expected, how those data will be preserved and stored; and how data and results will be accessed and shared in a timely manner. Even in the unlikely case in which no data or informational results will be produced, a plan must be submitted which states, "No data are expected to be produced." However, overarching results are still expected to be shared. (up to 500 words)

* Gantt Chart

Please complete a Gantt chart outlining the project timeline by quarterly intervals, including activities and anticipated outputs for each objective. See FFAR's Application section under [Application Forms & Examples](#) for FFAR's Gantt chart template and [narrative report templates](#) for additional guidance.