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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Cotton Foundation is actively seeking research proposals for the 2027 growing season. By funding research, the Foundation aims to bolster the U.S. cotton industry in the fiercely competitive fiber market. Research proposals can encompass any subject, ranging from the production of raw fiber to finished textiles. Proposals will be accepted through July 1, 2026, and then undergo thorough review by the Research & Education Screening Committee. Funding recommendations will be presented to the Cotton Foundation Board of Trustees during the annual fall meeting typically held in early-August. Awardees will be notified of funding by mid-August.

Proposals should contain the following information:

- **Name and Address of Cooperator(s)** – if financial matters are handled by someone other than the Principal Investigator, please also include the appropriate financial contact.
- **Project Title**
- **Clearly defined Research Objective(s)**
- **Significance of Research** – a brief statement that explains how the research would benefit the cotton industry.
- **Prior and Current Research** – an overview of prior and current research related to the problem should be provided which would include major references.
- **Cooperator Experience and Qualifications** – please provide information relevant to people, equipment, and facilities that are available and would allow for successful execution of the research.
- **Plan of Work** – a general research plan that illustrates scientifically sound methodology.
- **Starting Date and Duration** – please state the desired starting date and expected duration. Projects can be structured with yearly or multi-year funding.
- **Cooperative Support** – please list names of co-sponsors, if any.
- **Budget** – please provide an estimated budget for the research project and the requested funding amount. Historically, award amounts average \$30,000. It is the Foundation's policy that funds be used for direct project expenses – funds are not to be used for overhead expenses or indirect costs.

Each funded project will be required to publish relevant results in one of the following:

1. [Beltwide Cotton Conference](#) presentation or poster, including abstract.
2. [Journal of Cotton Science](#)

Submit PDF of proposals to cfproposal@cotton.org by **July 1, 2026**.

Subject line should read: **2026/27 Cotton Foundation Research Proposal**