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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Cotton Foundation is actively seeking research proposals for the 2025 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 undergo thorough review by the Research & Education Screening Committee, which will then develop funding recommendations for The Cotton Foundation membership. These recommendations will subsequently receive approval during The Cotton Foundation Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for July 31, 2024. Awardees will be notified of funding by August 9, 2024.

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.

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, 2024**.

Subject line should read: **2024/25 Cotton Foundation Research Proposal**