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THE JOHN AND JUDY BRAGG FAMILY FOUNDATION APPLIED RESEARCH FUND (LABRADOR)

Call for Applications

John and Judy Bragg Family Foundation Funds (Labrador) will be used to support applied research projects related to Northern food systems, food security, and food sovereignty.

Competitive Research Grants: These grants will be awarded through an open competition, following the farm research principles and practices identified below, and reviewed through the Pye Centre Advisory Committee and the Pye Centre's [community farm-based research application process](#). Grants are available through three main streams:

- i. **Start-up Grants (up to \$15,000):** These grants provide support for preliminary farm-based research ideas, and support for bringing the appropriate stakeholders, rightsholders, and partners together to develop research proposals and ideas and/or to pilot a new technique or approach.

Projects may include, but are not limited to: experimental trials and testing for new cold-hardy strains; new technologies for enhancing Northern agriculture; strategies for increasing productivity and yield; and strategies for enhancing soil health.

- ii. **Expansion Grants (up to \$30,000):** These grants support larger, existing farm-based research ideas (particularly those in partnership with local farmers and the Pye Centre for Northern Boreal Food Systems).

These funds can be used for, but are not limited to, projects that focus on: enhancing and supporting ongoing farm-based research projects, such as composting innovations; assessing new possibilities or methods for increasing farming efficiencies; and regenerative farming practices in Boreal regions.

- iii. **Communication Grants (up to \$5,000):** Research sharing and dissemination is an essential part of community farm-based research at the Pye Centre.

These funds can be used to support a variety of research sharing strategies, including public talks and events, multimedia approaches, visual summaries and clear language briefs, and developing farmer training material.



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Eligibility

Eligible grant recipients include: academic, community, and government-based researchers; Labrador farmers; researchers; students; and community organizations. Applicants must demonstrate their ability to conduct the proposed farm-based research, the ways in which the proposed research aligns with already-identified farm-based research priorities to support Northern food security and food sovereignty, as well as their commitment to the Pye Centre's principles and practices of community farm-based research.

These funds must be used for **stand-alone farm-based research projects**. Consideration may be given to projects that are already supported by another funding source if applicants clearly specify what project outcomes are connected to each funding source in their application and budget proposal.

Priority will be given to local farmers, projects that focus on Labrador farming, as well as projects that focus on Northern food security, North-to-North comparisons, and multi-site agricultural projects that include a Labrador focus.

Funds must be used by March 31, 2023.

Submission Deadlines

Please submit your grant application to pyecentre@mun.ca **before 11:59pm (Atlantic) on January 31st, 2022**. Results will be announced in **March 2022** and funds will be released by **April 30th, 2022**. For additional information or help with the application process, please contact the Project Coordinator, Chelsee Arbour, at 709-497-3630 (ext. #222) or via email at c.arbour@mun.ca.



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Pye Centre Research Review and Approval Process

[The Pye Centre Advisory Committee \(PCAC\)](#) is a committee comprised of members of the Labrador Campus and the Pye Centre, local farmers, Indigenous government representatives, provincial and federal agriculture representatives, local food organizations, and academic researchers. The PCAC is the central review body for all research related to the Pye Centre.

Interested applicants must demonstrate how the proposed application directly meets the research needs and priorities of Northern farmers and adheres to community-based farm research principles and practices. All applications are reviewed by the PCAC, ensuring the grant proposals are rigorously reviewed by an interdisciplinary committee from diverse backgrounds.

Our Vision & Goals

The Pye Centre for Northern Boreal Food Systems is part of the Labrador Campus of Memorial University. We are a community of engaged farmers, community growers, and researchers working together to co-create knowledge and evidence-based resources that contribute to strengthening food security, food systems, and food sovereignty in Labrador and Northern boreal regions. Our [vision](#) is to serve as a leading-edge, community-driven centre of research, education, and training excellence to support, promote, and enhance food security, production, and distribution in all parts of Labrador.

Working together, through research and education that prioritizes Indigenous and local knowledge systems, our goals are to support and enhance:

- *Already-present local food networks*
- *Availability of fresh and desired foods*
- *Local food security and sovereignty*
- *Health and wellbeing*

All research that takes place at and with the Pye Centre is considered community farm-based research. We consider community farm-based research to be any research activity on, or linked to, the farm that is place-based and community-focused, meaning it is designed with and for the benefit of peoples, lands, and waters of Labrador.

Before submitting your community farm-based grant proposal, we suggest you review:

1. [Principles and Practices of Community Farm-Based Research at and with the Pye Centre](#)
2. [Available Services, Equipment, and Other Resources to Support Community Farm-Based Research](#)
3. [Summary of Fees](#)
4. [Memorial University's Policy and Procedures on Research Impacting Indigenous Groups](#)
5. [Tri-Agency Framework: Responsible Conduct of Research](#)



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PART I: ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Full name of primary applicant:

Institution/organization:

Phone number:

Email:

Names of any research team members:

Names of all collaborators/partner organizations:

Planned start date of project:

Planned duration of project (in months):

Funding stream:

Start-up Grants (up to \$15,000)

Expansion Forward Grants (up to \$30,000)

Communication Grants (up to \$5,000)

Name and address for invoicing:

Budget description (max 200 words):

Matching funds are not required to hold these grants. Please include any in-kind work experience or resources available to support the success of your project. Please attach a budget spreadsheet as necessary.



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PART II: RESEARCH PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Title of research proposal:

Summary of research proposal (max 300 words):

Please include a brief description of how your proposed work aligns with the farmed-based research priorities and the Pye Centre's principles and practices of farm-based research, and your research questions, goals, and objectives.



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PART III: LOGISTICS

Research needs (max 200 words):

For projects that will be conducted on the Pye Centre farm, please list what you will need from the Pye Centre to do your research, such as how much land, any access to our equipment, tractor operator time/schedule, etc. For more information please refer to the Pye Centre's list of [Available Services, Equipment, and Other Resources to Support Community Farm-Based Research](#).

PART IV: RESEARCH SHARING AND REPORTING

Research sharing agreements: *I agree that (please select all that apply)...*

- I will share my research data with the Pye Centre
- I will create a data sharing agreement with my research partners

Required reporting: *I agree that (please select all that apply)...*

- I will send an abstract of my work/research findings to the Pye Centre for public publication on the Pye Centre website.
- I will submit a plain language summary/report of my work and/or research findings with the Pye Centre when my project is complete.
- I will send a copy of all publications related to my work and/or research findings to the Pye Centre
- I will notify the Pye Centre of public presentations related to my proposed project



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Strongly encouraged knowledge translation and mobilization activities:

I will share my research findings through (please select all that apply)...

Presenting at the 2022 Memorial University Research Week Public talks and/or other community events

Informational videos (e.g. for social media platforms like TikTok, Instagram, Twitter) that can be shared with the public and other farmers

Blog posts for the Pye Centre website

Community engagement activities at and with the Pye Centre, like:

In-person talks at the Pye Centre

Presenting at “youth days” on the farm

Creating a poster or one-page visual on my work for display at the Pye Centre

A photo diary of my work that can be shared at the Pye Centre (through the website, on display at the Pye Centre, as a presentation at Pye Centre-related events, etc.)

Other community engagement activities (please briefly describe your idea below):

PART V: SIGNATURES

Signature of primary researcher:

Date (MM/DD/YY):

For Pye Centre Staff only, to be returned to researcher upon approval of research proposal.

Signature of Pye Centre staff member:

Date (MM/DD/YY):



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Overall farm plan vision for the Pye Centre for Northern Boreal Food Systems, Labrador Campus of Memorial University, in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador.

For more information, please visit: www.pye-centre.ca