



RESEARCH AND SERVICE GRANTS FUNDING POLICIES

Brewers Association (BA) welcomes your proposals for research or in answer to any BA-initiated request for proposals (RFPs).

Please read the BA policies that apply to any and all funding of BA research grants and other projects.

BREWERS ASSOCIATION OVERHEAD POLICY

Without exception, Brewers Association (BA) policy does not allow Institutional Overhead, Indirect Costs (“IDC”), or Facilities and Administration (“F&A”) charges on grant funding provided by BA. BA does allow for “fringe” and/or “benefits” components of salary charges to be paid out of grant funding provided by BA.

BREWERS ASSOCIATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FUNDS

Brewers Association financial support of any and all funded research and project work must be acknowledged in all publications and public presentations relating to the work. The BA logo (available on request) should be used when appropriate.

BREWERS ASSOCIATION INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP) POLICY

Brewers Association support for research is intended to result in outcomes such as technology, knowledge and public plant varieties which benefit all brewing industry stakeholders, especially BA members. By requesting and accepting BA funds in support of your research, you agree that the outcomes of your research will be made available to the brewing industry at large and all associated stakeholders, including, but not limited to, researchers, growers, processors, brewers and consumers. With exceptions outlined below, solely with respect to barley varieties, you further agree that you do not intend to patent, license or otherwise claim a competitive advantage solely for the use of your company, institution or organization.

For malting barley varieties developed with BA support – our policy parallels that of American Malting Barley Association (AMBA). Protection of intellectual property via the Plant Variety Protection Act (PVP) by the developing institution is encouraged. BA prefers that protected varieties be released through the U.S. public system of certified seed growers if that is a viable option and be made widely available to all who want to grow them. If licensed, non-exclusive agreements are preferred and with entities that will make them available to all. Exclusive licensing to entities (including individual BA members or nonmembers) is strongly discouraged, and may result in the loss of future funding from BA.

For hop varieties and hop production related technology or knowledge developed with BA support - BA will only support breeding and hop production related technology intended to be made public and without license, patent or similar IP claims made. BA will not support hop related breeding or research activities which confer a competitive advantage, license, patent or to any one institution or stakeholder at the expense of other stakeholders. For hop varieties, BA prefers that the process of release of public varieties includes:

1. traditional release notice including work accomplished, parentage and other factors unique to the new public variety;
2. publication in scientific journals (such as Crop Science); and
3. Submittal of germplasm to the USDA-ARS National Clonal Germplasm Repository or similar facility with express permission given to allow for unfettered access of said germplasm by any and all stakeholders.

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