



Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center (UMASH) Pilot Projects Program

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What type of proposals are being sought?

Research proposals that address health and safety issues affecting agricultural workers and their families. There is special interest in projects that align with the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) for Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing (AgFF), employ a One Health approach (connecting human, animal, and environmental well-being), or address agricultural health and safety issues pertinent to the Upper Midwest region.

Are there particular themes or area of study that are being prioritized?

Yes, proposals that focus on the following will be prioritized by the UMASH pilot program:

- Developing innovative research in agricultural safety and health with strong potential to secure future extramural funding.
- Exploring and characterizing emerging issues that impact the health and safety of agricultural workers and their families.
- Leveraging multidisciplinary collaboration to generate novel insights or approaches in agricultural health and safety.

Who can apply?

Emerging or experienced investigators working in academic, government, community, industry or health care settings.

How much funding is available?

Pilot grants range from \$5,000 to \$30,000 maximum in total costs.

How long of a timeline should projects cover?

The expectation is that projects will be completed in 12-18 months.

How do I apply?

To begin the pre-proposal process, submit a one-page summary of your project to umash@umn.edu. See full RFP for the specifics that need to be included.



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When is the pre-proposal application deadline?

Pre-proposal summaries must be submitted electronically by November 10, 2025 to be considered.

What happens after I submit my pre-proposal?

Your proposal will be reviewed by UMASH leadership. If your proposal is accepted, you will be invited to submit a full application. Invitees will be notified by email.

When will invitations for full proposals be sent out?

You should anticipate being invited by email on November 19, 2025.

Will I be notified if my pre-proposal is not selected for full proposal submission?

Yes, you will be notified either way.

How many full proposals will be funded?

We expect that three or more projects will receive funding; however, this depends on the applicant pool and type of applications received.

Who should I contact for other questions?

Please reach out to the Center by email at umash@umn.edu.