

Research and Science Preapplication Call Announced

Preapplications for research and science projects will be accepted beginning August 1 2001. The closing date for these preapplications is September 15 2001.

Research applications are part of a strategic alliance between ACIDF, Alberta Agricultural Research Institute (AARI), Alberta Livestock Industry Development Fund (ALIDF) and Diversified Livestock Fund of Alberta (DLFOA). This is a step toward a single application window to simplify and coordinate research and associated funding efforts.

It works this way:

- Preapplications are received by each of the funding organizations.
- Preapplications are shared among the partners and each partner evaluates the preapplications against their own priorities.
- Successful preapplications will be invited to submit a full application for consideration.
- Full applications will be shared among the partners for evaluation and prioritization. A standardized series of review committees will be used for fairly ranking projects.
- Each funding partner will consider all the ranked projects for "a fit" with their goals and priorities. Each partner will prepare a prioritized list of projects to be funded.
- Finally there is a round table process, where funding organizations can look across sector lines and coordinate support, priorities and joint funding opportunities.

Where are the ACIDF signatories in this process? For projects to be funded by the ACIDF they are directly involved. Projects submitted to the ACIDF will still require the same level of signatory recommendation. Projects picked up through the other partners and the review process will be circulated to the appropriate signatory for consideration. As always the ACIDF will take full responsibility for its funding decisions.

This new application process will not replace our marketing, extension and investment attraction application procedures. It will simplify application procedures, ensure consistent project evaluation and lower administration costs. Lower costs means more money for research.

For more information and applications: www.acidf.ca or (403) 782-3301.

Figure 1: Microscopic Cross Section of Rootlet

