



ONTARIO PORK

# Ontario Pork Call for Research 2026

July 21, 2025

Ontario Pork is pleased to announce a call for Letters of Intent (LOI) for research projects that focus on the Ontario swine industry and meet the overarching research objectives of:

- **Testing potential improvements to swine industry practices**
- **Innovation of manure pit cleaning/disinfection methods and infected manure management to mitigate African swine fever \***
- **Comparison analysis of disinfection efficacy and safety of lime vs. accelerated hydrogen peroxide (Prevail®) in loading chutes under commercial conditions \***
- **Identifying tools for humane euthanasia of pigs weighing 8-20kg**
- **Analyzing the economic impacts of increased dedication of livestock trailers to U.S. loads only for increased biosecurity**

*\*Note: Consultation with Swine Health Ontario preferred on this topic. Please reach out to Jessica Fox at [jessica.fox@swinehealthontario.ca](mailto:jessica.fox@swinehealthontario.ca) for further information.*

All research projects that align with these objectives will be considered, including, but not limited to, swine health, swine welfare, swine nutrition, swine husbandry, swine reproduction, barn design and management, employee health and safety, meat quality and safety, marketing and consumer trends and environmental and economic sustainability. **Highest priority is given to projects that demonstrate scientific merit as well as strong identification of the benefit of project results to Ontario pork producers and an indication of input or support of a project from swine industry members outside of academia.** Specific details on what is expected can be found in the Outline for completion of the Ontario Pork LOI.

Letters of intent should be completed electronically through the Livestock Research and Innovation Corporation's website. Prior to applying, applicants should review Ontario Pork's conditions of funding approval. These conditions and the outline for completing the LOI can be found at the application site and on the Ontario Pork website:

<http://www.livestockresearch.ca/>

<http://www.ontariopork.on.ca/Research/Call-for-Proposals>

## Timelines for the 2026 call for research:

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| July 21, 2025                         | - Researchers notified of the OP call for research and the LOIs become accessible on the LRIC system. |
| October 14, 2025                      | - LOI due by 12:00pm (noon)   |
| Week of December 15th, 2025           | - Researchers notified of LOI outcome   |
| January 23, 2026                      | - Full proposal due by 4:30pm on this date for selected LOIs  |
| February 2026                         | - Short presentations to the Committee for selected proposals   |
| Week of March 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 | - Researcher notified of full proposal outcome  |

Please direct any questions pertaining to the research funding process of Ontario Pork to Reid Buchanan by email at [reid.buchanan@ontariopork.on.ca](mailto:reid.buchanan@ontariopork.on.ca) or by phone at (226) 240-4496. Questions regarding the LRIC application system should be directed to Jean Howden at [jhowden@livestockresearch.ca](mailto:jhowden@livestockresearch.ca).