



# CALL FOR PROJECT IDEAS:

## AFRICAN SWINE FEVER: Prevention and Mitigation

### Background

African swine fever (ASF) is an urgent issue for the entire swine value chain requiring an immediate need to develop strategies that will address the threat of an ASF outbreak occurring in North America.

To support the Canadian swine industry, Swine Innovation Porc (SIP) is responding to the threat of ASF by funding research design to prevent or mitigate the impacts of ASF arriving in Canada.

Consistent with its mission, SIP will facilitate a coordinated research application addressing immediate priorities of the national swine industry to be submitted for funding to the Canadian Strategic Priorities Program (CASPP), as offered by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC). In order to build a competitive application with high priority deliverables, SIP is seeking the collaboration of the research community and industry stakeholders with this call for submissions of project ideas. Details on eligibility and priorities, evaluation criteria, timelines and the application process are provided below.

### Eligibility and Targeted Priorities

Researchers from academia, industry and not-for-profit organizations are invited to submit project ideas addressing ASF priority areas outlined below. Please note that researchers from AAFC, CFIA and other federal government centres are unfortunately not eligible for this program.

The research priorities related to ASF are identified as:

- Surveillance and Animal Health
- Biosecurity
- Destruction and Disposal
- Mental Health
- Economic Impacts
- Extension / Knowledge Transfer

[Additional details about each priority may be found on our website by clicking here.](#)

## Funding Information

### Total Budget & Cost-Share Ratio

SIP is seeking project ideas that do not exceed a maximum total budget of \$300,000 per project. Furthermore, this total budget should include 25% to 50% in funding from “other partners”. The criteria affecting the level of funding required from “other partners” is explained below in more detail.

Please note that in-kind contributions are not eligible within this program.

### Contribution from “Other Partners”

#### 1. For projects led by researchers from academia and not-for-profit organizations:

A minimum of 25% of the overall project budget must come from “other partners”. These partners may include:

- *Other Government Partners:*  
The total amount of other government funding should not exceed 10% of the total project budget. Eligible sources of government funding include: federal government (other than AAFC), provincial, territorial and municipal.
- *Industry Partners:*  
Project budgets must include a minimum of 15% in industry partner funding, which may be from the private sector, not-for-profit organizations or academia.

#### 2. For projects led by researchers from the private sector:

A minimum of 50% of the overall project budget must come from “other partners”. These partners may include:

- *Other Government Partners:*  
The total amount of other government funding should not exceed 20% of the total project budget. Eligible sources of government funding include: federal government (other than AAFC), provincial, territorial and municipal.
- *Industry Partners:*  
Project budgets must include a minimum of 30% in industry partner funding, which may be from the private sector, not-for-profit organizations or academia.

Please refer to Schedule 1 for more details about eligible costs.

**NOTE:** The minimum amount of “other partner” contribution may vary according to the final decision of CASPP evaluators. In this case, leaders of retained projects would be informed in a timely manner.

## How to Submit Project Ideas

To proceed with your application, [please complete the Application Form, which may be found on our website by clicking here.](#)

To submit your project ideas:

- Please forward your completed form to [info@swineinnovationporc.ca](mailto:info@swineinnovationporc.ca)
- The closing date for submitting your application is **February 16, 2021 at 4:00 pm EST** (Eastern Standard Time).



## Evaluation and Timelines

A SIP evaluation committee of experts from industry and the scientific community will review and select retained project ideas. The evaluation criteria will include:

- Benefit to the swine industry
- Scientific merit
- Feasibility of the proposed research
- Opportunity to attract matching funding

Leaders of selected project ideas will be invited to submit a full proposal. Further details related to submitting a full proposal will be shared with the leaders of retained project ideas.

The expected timelines for the evaluation, as well as the duration of projects, are as follows:

- Evaluation by SIP's committee of experts: March 2021
- Response regarding retained project ideas: April 2021
- Maximum duration of the project: 2 years, end date should not exceed December 2023.
- Estimating start date of projects: Fall 2021.

One of SIP primary roles is to enhance collaboration across Canada for the swine sector. Therefore, for this call for project ideas, it is possible that some project leaders may be asked to consider combining projects with other researchers in order to increase overall collaboration, the project's impact/scope, as well as to avoid any unnecessary duplication.

Please feel free to contact us at [info@swineinnovationporc.ca](mailto:info@swineinnovationporc.ca) if you have any questions or if you require additional information regarding this call for project ideas.



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*This call for proposals was launched on December 16, 2020*

# SCHEDULE 1: Eligible and Ineligible Costs

## Eligible Costs:

- Salaries and benefits
- Contracted services
- Travel costs
- Capital assets
- Overhead

## Capital Assets:

The maximum budget allocated to equipment purchase should not exceed 20% of total budget amounts. Exceptionally, when well demonstrated, a higher budget for equipment purchase may be considered.

## Overhead:

Maximum eligible overhead fees should not exceed 15% of the total budget.

## Ineligible Costs:

Ineligible costs include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- In-kind contributions
- Meetings and conferences (for example, annual general meetings, hosting conferences);
- All expenses, minor assets and capital items not specifically required for the execution of the project
- Building and land purchases
- normal costs of establishing a commercial operation
- Refundable portion of the GST/HST, value-added taxes, or other items for which a refund or rebate is received
- Hospitality