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INSTITUTE OF CANNABIS RESEARCH RELEASES REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)

(Pueblo, CO) — The Institute of Cannabis Research (ICR) has released its annual *Request for Applications* (RFA), soliciting proposals from qualified cannabis researchers in Colorado. The grant program supports projects that generate unbiased scientific knowledge to serve the cannabis research needs of the people of Colorado.

“The research we support is looking at issues critical to our state and society in general,” said Dr. Jeffrey Smith, Interim Director at ICR. “Cannabis use during pregnancy, impact on Alzheimer’s patients, labeling claims for cannabis products, analysis of testing facilities, and improving public safety on our roads are just a few of the studies we’ve supported in recent years. Colorado is at the forefront of some of the most important cannabis research in the world, and the ICR is the State of Colorado’s only research organization that solely focuses on cannabis science to benefit our citizens.”

The ICR, located at Colorado State University Pueblo, supports research in a variety of areas including:

Medical and Clinical Research

Pharmacology and Dosing

Biology, Chemistry, and Physiology

Biotechnologies

Public Health, Safety, and Harm Reduction

Societal Impacts

Agriculture and Plant Genetics

Economic Development and Impact

Principal Investigators associated with an eligible organization are invited to submit an application. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. The ICR expects to support between five and eight projects this cycle. The maximum support for one or two of the projects will be up to \$250,000, for up to three years. Additional projects will receive up to \$100,000 for up to three years.

Letters of Intent are due by Feb. 21, 2023. Awards will be announced in July 2023.

Interested applicants can find the RFA on the CSU-Pueblo website at <https://www.csupueblo.edu/institute-of-cannabis-research>.

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About the ICR

The Institute of Cannabis Research (ICR) was created in 2019 by Colorado Statute and is funded by the State of Colorado. The mission of the ICR is to conduct and fund unbiased research related to cannabis, for the benefit of Colorado residents.

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About ICR

The Institute of Cannabis Research was authorized by the State of Colorado in 2015 and is funded in part by the State's Marijuana Cash Tax Fund. The ICR is located at Colorado State University – Pueblo and its mission is to conduct or fund research, in Colorado, related to cannabis and publicly disseminate the results of the research. The institute's Governing Board is appointed by the Governor's office and includes representatives from research institutions and the cannabis industry.

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