



College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences
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College of Veterinary Medicine
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CAES and CVM invite trainees, individually or in small groups (2-3), to apply for funding to pursue innovative pilot research projects.

PILOT TRAINEE AWARDS

The College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CAES) and the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM)

WHAT WE SEEK

BOLD

CROSS-DISCIPLINARY PILOT RESEARCH PROPOSALS

Projects may build on a trainee's primary work but must introduce a new direction for the trainee or lab. Cross-disciplinary and cross-species collaborations are encouraged, and each trainee PI will manage their own budget.

WHO CAN APPLY?

CAES OR CVM AFFILIATED

The program is open to any trainee (postdoc or graduate student) affiliated with CAES and CVM and must include a PI from both colleges. There must be at least one trainee and one faculty from each college to qualify. Trainees awarded in 2025 are ineligible.

AWARD AMOUNT

GRANTS UP TO \$10K

Grants of up to \$10,000 per project will be awarded. The trainee(s) will be considered the PIs of the grant.

REQUIRED

REPORTS & PRESENTATION

Trainee PIs must submit a one-paragraph midpoint update and a final report (mentor-approved), and present their work at a CAES/CVM research symposium. Scan QR code (bottom) for application instructions.

ADVISOR APPROVAL

DOCUMENTATION

Include a signed cover letter confirming approval, that the work is not currently underway (though it may relate to the thesis/primary project), and stating each trainee's role and time in position (e.g., third-year graduate student).

DUE JULY 1ST

Proposals are due to Francisca Burnley at fburnley@uga.edu by 3 p.m. ET on Wednesday, July 1, 2026; **no exceptions**. Funds will be available to trainee PIs on August 1, 2026.

SCAN QR (RIGHT) FOR DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS AND FORMAT

