



CALIFORNIA
TABLE GRAPE
COMMISSION

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Dear Researcher:

The California Table Grape Commission (commission) is pleased to announce its request for Letters of Intent to submit a proposal for its 2024-25 Health Research Grant Program. Letters of Intent are sought for \$40,000 grants toward research on any relevant health issue in which grape consumption may have a beneficial impact. Of particular interest is the impact of grapes on brain, eye, GI, immune, and skin health, however applicants are welcome to propose grape research in other areas as well.

All details concerning the submission of a Letter of Intent can be accessed on the commission website at <https://www.grapesfromcalifornia.com/HRG24>.¹

The major goal of this program is to fund **human** pilot studies that examine the potential health benefits of grape consumption.²

To facilitate grape research, the commission developed a freeze-dried table grape powder made from fresh California table grapes that is to be used for work funded by this grant program. It is not an extract. The powder is a composite of seeded and seedless red, green, and black California grapes. As with fresh grapes, the powder is known to contain simple phenolics, resveratrol, flavans (including catechins), flavonols (including quercetin), and anthocyanins.

¹ Available documents include the Letter of Intent Guidelines, Freeze-Dried Table Grape Powder Overview, Guidelines for Use of California Table Grape Powder in Health Research Studies, Grape and Brain Health Studies Summary, Grape and Eye Health Studies Summary, Grape and GI Health Studies Summary, Grape and Immune Health Studies Summary, Grape and Skin Health Studies Summary, and the Funded Research Studies 1999-2023.

² If an animal study is submitted, the applicant should ensure that the work proposed breaks new ground in that field of study.

Following the review of submitted Letters of Intent, finalists will be invited to submit a complete proposal to the commission. Please note, that the Letter of Intent must be submitted electronically, in a single PDF file.

Deadline for submission of a Letter of Intent is Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST). For the Letter of Intent Guidelines please visit <https://www.grapesfromcalifornia.com/HRG24>.

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The commission Health Research Grant Program is overseen by a scientific advisory panel of distinguished scientists who will be reviewing the Letters of Intent. In the meantime, inquiries regarding this process should be directed to healthresearch@grapesfromcalifornia.com.

Thank you for expressing interest in the health benefits of California grapes.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Courtney Romano". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Courtney Romano, MBA, RDN
Health Research Grant Program Director

cc: Kathleen Nave, president