



**Alaska
Botanical
Garden**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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OVERVIEW

The Alaska Botanical Garden (ABG) is seeking research proposals for consideration as part of its Horticultural Research and Development Program. ABG has a one-acre research plot with infrastructure resources in place to support a variety of research efforts. These resources include access to water (high-capacity well and pump), hand tools, raised beds, a heat wall, and high tunnel space.

Proposals based on the following topics will receive priority consideration:

- Vegetables, particularly heirloom varieties
- Fruit and other food crops
- Ethnobotanical species
- Rare and unusual plants
- Plant propagation

SUBMITTAL AND REVIEW PROCESS

Proposals should be submitted using the attached Research Proposal form and sent via email or standard mail.

Proposals will be compiled and subsequently reviewed by the Horticultural Advisory Committee (HAC) during the next scheduled HAC meeting. The HAC meets three times per year (spring, summer, fall). A decision regarding each proposal will be made during the meeting, at which point additional information may be requested.

TIMING AND DURATION

Proposals are accepted on a continual basis. You will receive a confirmation of the receipt of your proposal and an indication regarding when the next HAC meeting will be held. Projects should be planned for a duration of no more than three growing seasons. Prior to the conclusion of the third season you may apply for an extension. Extensions will be granted based on the value of the project and space availability.

FUNDING

In addition to the resources mentioned in the overview section, ABG may be able to provide some labor and materials based on availability and organizational priorities.

ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY

The Alaska Botanical Garden was incorporated as an Alaskan non-profit in 1986, and began the process of developing a Master Plan to guide the creation of gardens and infrastructure elements. In 1990, ABG signed a land use agreement with the Municipality of Anchorage, followed by another long-term lease with the Municipality for additional adjacent acreage in 2003. The first gardens were planted and the Grand Opening took place on July 25, 1993.

Today, the Alaska Botanical Garden occupies about 110 acres between the Far North Bicentennial Park and Benny Benson School. Much of the land will remain in a natural state, with individual “gardens-within-the-Garden” interconnected by trails through the boreal forest. The Garden now has two hardy perennial gardens (Lile’s Garden and the Lower Perennial Garden), an Herb Garden, alpine Rock Garden, an entry shade garden, an Alaskan Kitchen Garden exhibit, a Wildflower Trail, Junior Master Gardener Plot, Research & Development site, and Lowenfels Family Nature Trail. In 2014, a new Anchorage Heritage Garden exhibit was added in celebration of the Anchorage Centennial Celebration in 2015.

RESEARCH PROPOSAL FORM

NAME:

TITLE:

ORGANIZATION/AFFILIATION:

CONTACT INFORMATION:

RESEARCH QUALIFICATIONS:

SUMMARY OF PROJECT (attach additional sheet(s) if necessary):

RESOURCES REQUESTED (beyond those offered in the RFP):

PLANNED DURATION:

INTENDED USE OF RESULTS: