Bayer’s Grants4Ag Program Awards Funding for 21 New Crop Science Research Proposals

Winners of Bayer’s Grants4Ag competition research projects geared to protecting farmers’ crops, increasing adoption of innovations, and reducing the carbon footprint of agriculture / Participating scientists to receive funding mentorship resources for crop science research proposals / Awardees selected from more than 350 proposals representing dozens of countries.

Bayer announced its 2022 cohort of Grants4Ag grant recipients who were chosen to receive awards ranging from 5,000 to 15,000 Euros to help them complete research on challenges facing agriculture. 21 proposals make up this year’s Grants4Ag awardees with research goals including reducing agriculture’s carbon footprint, understanding social factors that influence innovation adoption, and improving the drought tolerance of plants in the face of more frequent extreme weather events.

“Bayer is the leader in agriculture research and development, but it’s very clear that given the complexity of the challenges farmers face around the world, we can’t solve every problem on our own,” said Phil Taylor, Open Innovation Lead for Bayer’s Crop Science Division. “We were thrilled

at the quality of this year's submissions and we're looking forward to working with each of the grant recipients."

As part of Bayer's Open4Ag initiative Bayer's Grants4Ag awardees retain all intellectual property rights to their research, and in addition to financial support successful researchers will also be paired with one of Bayer's own scientists to provide project guidance as their research progresses. Through this commitment to partnership, and with support from innovation partnering platform Halo, Bayer received more than 350 proposals from researchers around the world during a five-week submission window this past fall.

"Bayer's Grants4Ag program is an amazing opportunity for my research, and I was very pleased to have been chosen as a grant recipient," says Amy Lemay of Brock University. "Grants4Ag offers not only financial support, but also provides access to leading scientists at Bayer and mentorship opportunities that will help me to understand challenges and tactics that can further develop my research."

A full list of grant awardees, their bios, and summaries of their submitted research is available by visiting the Grants4Ag program website, or by clicking individual researcher links below.