CENTER FOR TROPICAL AND SUBTROPICAL AQUACULTURE

FY2026 Pre-Proposal Form

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Instructions: Please complete all sections of this form. Incomplete forms may not be processed.

1. Proposed Title:

2. Project Summary (*up to 2 sentences, 1,000 characters or less*):

3. Project Working Group:

List project participants and affiliations and briefly describe each person's role in the project.

NAME	AFFILIATION	PROJECT ROLE

4. Primary species addressed by your proposal:

FY2026 Priority Species in Hawaii

- ☐ Seaweeds
- ☐ Oysters
- ☐ Moi
- ☐ Tilapia
- ☐ Shrimp
- ☐ N/A

FY2026 Priority Species in the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands

- ☐ Sea Cucumber
- ☐ Rabbitfish
- ☐ Mangrove Crab
- ☐ N/A

5. FY2026 Strategic Priority Area(s) addressed by your proposal (Select not more than 3 priority areas):

- ☐ Innovations in Aquaculture Technology
- ☐ Aquatic Feed Development
- ☐ Finfish Farming Technology
- ☐ Aquatic Animal Health
- ☐ Hawaiian Fishponds
- ☐ Other. Please specify:

6. Will this project (Answer all questions):

(a) Resolve a current industry issue? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, what sector:

(b) Develop innovations for a projected/future issue? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(c) Create a new industry? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, what sector:

(d) Demonstrate existing technology? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(e) Develop new technology? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(f) Focus on native species? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(g) Provide environment benefits to island ecosystems? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, briefly describe how (2-3 sentences):

7. Problem Statement: What is the issue and/or opportunity your project will address? (15 points)
Clearly explain the significance of the targeted problem and its relation to current and future industry development. If your project focuses on existing technology, please specify what differentiates the proposed work from what has already been done (3,000 characters or less).

8. Proposed Approach: How will you address the issue and/or opportunity? (20 points)

Define and number objectives that are achievable and measurable and list project work group members, including and especially commercial producers and how they will participate in the work. Please visit the CTSA Web site (www.ctsa.org) to view previously funded projects so that your pre-proposal does not duplicate the work of completed or current projects (2,000 characters or less).

9. Anticipated Impacts: How will your project impact the regional aquaculture industry? (20 points)

Please be specific in your description, and indicate the potential return on investment. CTSA typically funds projects that benefit multiple stakeholders. However, single beneficiary projects with compelling reasons will be considered. If the project will result in a new industry, the estimated economic impact of the industry has to be discussed (2,000 characters or less).

10. **Industry Support**: Is there support from the aquaculture industry in the CTSA region for your proposed project? (15 points)

Please provide a statement about industry support for the proposed project (note, all CTSA full proposals require at least one letter of industry support). Include specific information on any proposed project participation from the regional aquaculture industry (i.e. farmers, hatchery managers, etc. - 2,000 characters or less).

11. **Facilities and Resources**: Do you already have the facilities and resources required to carry out the proposed work? If not, how will the work proceed? Will your project incorporate work on a farm site? Will your project leverage other funding? (10 points)

Please provide specific details on the facilities and resources that you have (or can access) to carry out the proposed work (2,000 characters or less).

12. Training Opportunities: Will your project provide training opportunities for the regional aquaculture workforce? (10 points)

Please provide specific details on any proposed training and/or educational opportunities for students, and specify the amount of high school / undergraduate / graduate student participants (2,000 characters or less).

13. Outreach and Technology Transfer: What outreach will you conduct to disseminate project results? (10 points) *Technology transfer is a critical aspect of every CTSA project. Please provide a brief statement about the outreach and/or technology transfer component you propose for this project (2,000 characters or less).*

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14. Proposed Duration of Project (up to 3 years):

- ☐ One year
- ☐ Two years
- ☐ Three years

15. Total Funding Request for entire project: $

The anticipated funding request level for each project year:

Funding Levels	Low (up to $50k)	Medium ($50k-100k)	High ($100k-$150k maximum)
Year One	☐	☐	☐
Year Two	☐	☐	☐
Year Three	☐	☐	☐

16. Related Research

If any participant has previously received CTSA funding to address the same species or subject area covered in the current proposal (or similar issues), provide a brief statement highlighting the results of that work and justification for the proposed project (1,000 characters or less).

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name:

Affiliation:

Email: **Phone:**

Signature: **Date:**

☐ **I confirm that all required fields have been completed.**

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