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**Central American Research
Symposium**

Texas Tech University's International Affairs would like to announce the Central American Research Symposium (CARS) Seed Grants program for faculty interested in developing international research collaborations with CATIE (Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center) located in Turrialba, Costa Rica. <https://www.catie.ac.cr/>

CATIE is a regional academic center for innovation and sustainable development in agriculture, management, conservation, and sustainable use of natural resources. CATIE has strong international ties and seeks to increase sustainable and inclusive human well-being in Latin American and the Caribbean through graduate education, impact-oriented research, and technical cooperation and dissemination of knowledge.

Seed grants are provided through funding from the USDA's Higher Education Challenge Grant program.

Applications Due: May 10, 2024

Application Template

Submit electronically as PDF files to [Michael Johnson](#) by COB May 10, 2024, together with the signatures of the Department Chair(s)

PI Name(s):

Academic rank(s):

Academic college(s) and department(s):

CARS Partner Institution of Interest: Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) in Costa Rica

Project title:

Project concept (up to 250 words):

Funds requested (up to \$3,000): Provide a detailed budget with breakdown of expenses. Acceptable expenses include travel only items: airfare, lodging, local transportation, and per diem. Grantees will be required to provide a list of outcomes and goals after the visit.

Applications which align with USDA [Science and Research Strategy](#) (2023-2026) will be ranked more positively. USDA's five science priorities include:

- Priority 1: Accelerating Innovative Technologies & Practices
- Priority 2: Driving Climate-Smart Solutions
- Priority 3: Bolstering Nutrition Security & Health
- Priority 4: Cultivating Resilient Ecosystems
- Priority 5: Translating Research into Action

RFP name, funding agency, deadline, and amount (attach a copy of the RFP, if possible):

Letter of Support from supervisors detailing how this grant will support their scholarly work. (chair/director):



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