



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 the Universidad de Costa Rica located in San Jose, Costa Rica. <https://www.ucr.ac.cr/>

The Universidad de Costa Rica aspires to be a leading public university in international higher education, inclusive, innovative, proactive, sustainable and supportive. Likewise, it is proposed to strengthen academic excellence, the generation and dissemination of knowledge, the dialogue of knowledge with a transformative vocation, internationalization, and the University-Society-State link, being responsible and transparent in the use of resources, in order to promote upward social mobility, the search for the common good and territorial and national development.

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: University of Costa Rica (UCR)**

**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):**

