

Small Project Fund 2022: suggested ideas for proposals.

Here are some of the types of projects applicants might like to consider. This is not an exclusive list and other ideas are welcome.

Category or type	Notes
Laboratory-based investigations	Emphasis on doing work at the bench but also linking to field activities. Perhaps investigating diversity in a new or relatively unknown pathogen. This would cover preliminary or speculative research which could blossom into a bigger proposal to be submitted to another (major) funder. The project needs to have a clear end-point and measurable deliverables.
Field-based investigations	Documenting extent and severity of a disease, with possibility of collecting samples and characterizing potential pathogens. Critical to show that surveys involve growers and others dependent on selected plant (crop/tree) or group of plants. Develop or demonstrate rapid surveillance tools which can be used by agricultural advisers, NGOs, school pupils and others.
Outreach and promotion	Running training courses and developing teaching material related to all aspects of plant pathology. Deliverables should include lessons learnt: refining course curriculum and how to run them more effectively in future; how others might use course material and help others learn new things. Could include courses on laboratory and field techniques, as well workshops for schoolteachers on how to develop exercises on plant health for primary and secondary pupils. How to run field days for pupils, visits to institutes and so on.
Practical guides and manuals	Collating and organising information from diverse sources on pests and diseases of crops for a defined area (country). Or publishing a manual on how to carry out particular techniques, including lab-based and field-based activities. The target audience should be broad rather than narrow so that more people can benefit
Web resources and digital tools	Making information available on an existing website or creating a new one. Support for producing an app. Emphasis on web resources and digital tools that can be made freely available so that more people can benefit.