

## A. Purpose

The BNBB Research policy's goal is to provide clear guidance to Bleuets NB Blueberries (BNBB) representatives as individuals and also to organizations endeavouring to receive support from BNBB.

## B. Mandate

### B.1 BNBB Research Committee

The Research Committee is composed of five (5) NB wild blueberry producers. At least one of them shall be a BNBB board member.

The BNBB Research Committee as a power of recommendation.

The Committee has the following mandate:

- Recommend research priorities periodically
- Communicate those priorities to stakeholders annually
- Communicate a call of interest as a call for proposals
- Develop a scoring sheet
- Analyze research projects
- Formulate recommendations
- Monitor progress on research projects supported
- Propose any change in the Research Policy
- Produce an annual report review of the research projects supported

### B.2 BNBB Board of directors

- Review and decide on all recommendations made by the Research Committee.

### B.3 BNBB Executive Director

- Execute decisions from de Board.
- Provide support to the Research Committee

## C. Nature of support

BNBB can provide the following support:

- Act as applicant for funding
- Letter of support
- Provide guidance in search of other funding
- Grant direct financial support
- Provide administrative support
- Facilitate access and participation of producers in the conduct of a research project
- Give access to BNBB communication platforms

## D. Application Process

### D.1 Eligibility

- Individual, non profit organization or for profit organization.
- Results must apply and benefit directly NB Wild blueberry producers.

### D.2 Criteria

#### D.2.1 Mandatory Criteria

Project must be presented in writing and include and define the followings:

- Abstract
- Problem/Opportunity
- Objectives
- Preliminary literature review
- Methodology
- Collaboration needed from producers
- Project management
  - Resources involved
  - Challenges
  - Timeline including periodic reporting to BNBB Research Committee and producers
- Budget including other sources of funding expected
- Intellectual property rights
- Define measurable potential outcomes for producers
- Resume for of the senior human resources involved

- Cohesion with Research priorities communicated by BNBB

#### **D.2.2 Non Mandatory but valued**

- Collaboration/cooperation
- Use of local (NB) resources to conduct the research
- Projected tangible outcomes in less than (5) years
- Outline the implementation phase of projected outcomes for the producers

### **E. Confidentiality and Property**

- All findings must be available to producers at no charge
- BNBB has no commercial right on the findings

### **F. Funds allocation and payment**

- BNBB may decide May not give for a period of over 12 months
- Payment schedule is define individually
- Period reporting is mandatory in order to validate the merit of pursuing (*Stage gate Approach*)
- All applications and reports shall be provided to BNBB in both official languages.

### **G. Timeline**

- Can apply all year
- Multi applications allowed
- Projects needing funding from EARI/CAP program must comply with the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries of New Brunswick timeline.