



2019 Awards and Grants

CoverCress® Inc. is the proud recipient of multiple 2019 awards and grants. Beyond recognition, these bring additional resources and capabilities enabling us to develop an even better product for Midwestern farmers and the environment. CoverCress is the unique crop that works as a cover crop in the fall and a harvestable crop in early spring. It has low carbon intensity and grows on unused land over winter.

Recent awards and grants:

CoverCress Inc. is among the first cohort of agricultural startup companies to participate in the **Wells Fargo Innovation Incubator (IN²)** program along with 4 others. IN² named CoverCress, Inc. and the **Donald Danforth Plant Science Center** \$250K award recipients to support research activities towards the genetic improvement of pennycress.

CoverCress has also been awarded a **Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)** grant. This grant along with the Danforth Center research capabilities will expand our research on plant health.

Our largest grant goes beyond CoverCress, with an award of \$10M over 5 years by **USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)** to 4 universities and CoverCress Inc. for research on pennycress commercialization.

Learn more about the announcement at www.covercress.com.



1st broad CAP grant meeting included team members of 4 universities (WIU, ISU, UMN, OSU) involved in the grant, USDA and CoverCress Inc

Fast moving field trials, with our May harvest and September planting

2019-2020 SEASON will be our LARGEST and most EXCITING

In May, across Southern and Central Illinois, CoverCress harvested seed for the fifth year of breeding trials. Crop yields have proven to meet initial goal levels, with more advanced breeding lines exceeding our goals. Within a few months of harvest, all planting is complete by an incredible turnaround time and adding new seed sources from our offseason nursery. The 2019-20 season will be our largest and most exciting. Get more news and follow the crop at Covercress.com.



Chris Aulbach

Rahul Patharkar

CoverCress Team – Growth and Impact

CoverCress team is excited to announce that the team has added two talented professionals, Chris Aulbach, Agronomy & Farmer Relations Lead and Rahul Patharkar, Senior Molecular Genetics Project Lead. Chris will add to our field R&D team with his extensive past experience, while Rahul will add to our successful gene editing team.

CoverCress is always looking for talented, motivated professionals, diverse skillset, background and experience. If you are interested in working with CoverCress, please send an inquiry to info@covercress.com.