



Office of Cannabis
Management

NEW YORK STATE CANNABIS RESEARCH LICENSE



The **Cannabis Research License (CRL)** offers an opportunity to study cannabis grown and processed in New York State. This license enables researchers, institutions, and industry stakeholders to actively contribute to the advancement of cannabis science, innovation, and evidence-based knowledge that supports the growing cannabis ecosystem.

CRL licensees may produce, process, purchase, and/or possess cannabis to conduct research activities, which may include but are not limited to:



Chemical potency
and composition levels



Research on the efficacy and
safety of administering cannabis
as part of medical treatment



Clinical investigations of
cannabis-derived drug products



Genomic or
agricultural research

BENEFITS OF A CANNABIS RESEARCH LICENSE

The CRL creates new opportunities for research across a wide range of disciplines and fields of interest.

Key Advantages:

- ✓ Access to cannabis from NYS licensed cultivators, processors, and dispensaries.
- ✓ Authorization to manufacture cannabis products (and placebos).
- ✓ Ability to partner and collaborate with NYS cannabis licensees, laboratory permittees, and registered organizations.
- ✓ Flexible labeling to support blinded or double-blinded research projects.
- ✓ Expanded possession limits to align with the research project's scope and goals.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility: Any individual over the age of 21 and a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States may apply for a CRL. Individuals who hold an existing medical registration, cannabis laboratory permit, cultivator license, processor license, retailer license, or microbusiness license with the Office of Cannabis Management (the Office) may also apply.

Project Submission: The application must provide a description of the research to be performed, including, but not limited to:

- ▶ The project narrative
- ▶ Study design
- ▶ List of key personnel
- ▶ A description of IP to be sourced for the research project
- ▶ IACUC or IRB approval for animal or human research projects

APPLICATION AND LICENSING FEES

Application: **\$250**

License: **\$500**

License Renewal:
\$200 (every 2 years)

Adding Additional Projects:
\$150



Note: Applicants may request to have these fees waived based on the size, scope, or duration of the proposed research project, or if the prospective applicant can demonstrate financial hardship. Scan QR code for the Fee Waiver Request Form.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the NYS CRL, scan the QR code or visit the Office's website at: cannabis.ny.gov/research.



Application instructions and resources may be found on the website to help determine if your project requires a CRL.



READ THE REGULATIONS



The Cannabis Research License regulations, **NYCCR Part 132**, establish the guidelines for conducting research in New York State. **To read more about your responsibilities as a cannabis research licensee, scan the QR code.**

SEE WHAT LICENSEES ARE RESEARCHING AROUND NYS



Current licensees are advancing cannabis research through agricultural, genomic, and lab-based methods, including outdoor and indoor cultivation spaces. **Scan the QR code to explore the innovations emerging from cannabis research in New York.**



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