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New NCRCRD Fellow to Focus on Affordable Housing

West Lafayette, Ind. – North Central Regional Center for Rural Development (NCRCRD) is pleased to introduce our new Fellow, Armin Yeganeh, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in Construction Management at Michigan State University.

NCRCRD Fellows collaborate with the NCRCRD to pursue research and/or outreach projects that benefit the North Central Region. Dr. Yeganeh will begin his project this fall developing a publicly available web database and GIS map resource that enables automated longitudinal data collection for recording the physical characteristics of mobile home park communities in the North Central Region. This resource will offer valuable insights to researchers, Extension, and community leaders into the housing risks and opportunities in the North Central Region as it will aid targeted development initiatives, as well as infrastructure resilience and disaster preparedness by detecting changes and vulnerabilities over time.



Armin Yeganeh, Ph.D.

“Dr. Yeganeh’s project is a great fit for the North Central Region as Physical Infrastructure was identified in our 2022 Listening Sessions as a top priority for our region’s rural development. And, like everywhere else, affordable housing is a key area requiring attention,” explained Maria Marshall, Executive Director of NCRCRD. “We are very excited to work with Dr. Yeganeh on this important topic for our region.”

Due to be complete by Summer of 2024, the resulting data set will be publicly available through NCRCRD and following Center protocols and policies, will be used for interdisciplinary collaboration across states and across research and Extension.

For more detailed information about the current Fellows and their projects, visit, <https://ncrcrd.ag.purdue.edu/funding-opportunities/current-fellows/>

About NCRCRD’s Fellows Program

The NCRCRD Fellows Program supports approximately two Fellows each year. Only faculty or staff from Land Grant Institutions in the North Central Region are eligible for the program. NCRCRD Fellows collaborate with the NCRCRD (in person or virtually) to pursue research and/or outreach that benefits the North Central Region. The normal period of appointment is one year. An NCRCRD Fellow is awarded \$25,000 which can include salary, fringes, and travel.

NCRCRD accepts Fellow proposals on a rolling basis throughout the year and encourage others to submit projects. If interested, please read the Fellow proposal guidelines (PDF): <https://ncrcrd.ag.purdue.edu/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/NCRCRD-Fellow-RFP-2022-2023.pdf>

All NCRCRD Funding Opportunities:
<https://ncrcrd.ag.purdue.edu/funding-opportunities/grants-and-fellowships/>

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The North Central Regional Center for Rural (NCRCRD) is one of four Regional Rural Development Centers in the United States. NCRCRD's work links the research and educational outreach capacity of our region's 34 land-grant universities with our region's communities, local decision-makers, entrepreneurs, families, farmers, and ranchers to help address a wide range of development issues unique to our 12-state region. NCRCRD promotes regional collaboration by elevating the research and extension programs in our region; offering grant opportunities to support new and ongoing regional research, extension, and integrated activities; establishing a North Central Region dataset to encourage regional exploration; and creating networking opportunities through webinars, sponsorships, and making introductions between our partners. For more information, please visit <https://ncrcrd.org/>.

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