

North Central Regional Center for Rural Development Fellows Program 2025

The North Central Regional Center for Rural Development (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 Fellows Program. The NCRCRD Fellows collaborate with the NCRCRD 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. Fellows may collaborate virtually with NCRCRD staff. Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis. Proposals accepted for 2025 will start September 2025. Faculty or staff interested in applying to the NCRCRD Fellows Program should submit a proposal to Dr. Maria Marshall, Director of the NCRCRD at mimarsha@purdue.edu.

Proposal Guidelines

I. Cover Page

The cover page should include the applicant's name and title and a project summary (250 words max).

II. Project narrative

Format: 3-pages (max), 1.5 spaced, 12-point font, 1-inch margins

The project narrative should include, but is not limited to, discussion of the following points:

- What you propose to do?
- How you propose to do it? Be sure to discuss how you are uniquely qualified to conduct the project.
- Why is the project important to the North Central Region?
- What benefits will the project produce for you, your home institution, and NCRCRD?
 - *Outreach*: What impact do you expect from your project? How do you expect to use the experience?
 - *Research*: How will results be disseminated (publications, conferences, presentations, joint collaborations, etc.)

III. Works Cited

IV. Letter of support from Department Head or Supervisor

V. Budget Justification

Please note: The NCRCRD does not allow indirect costs. Funding is for up to \$25,000 for one year.

VI. Biographical Sketch (3-page max). Use the NSF approved format found here:

<https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/biosketch.jsp>

VII. Confirmation that a final report must be submitted within 30 days of the project's completion.
