

North Central Regional Center for Rural Development Fellows Program 2025

The North Central Regional Center for Rural Development (NCRCD) 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 NCRCD Fellows collaborate with the NCRCD to pursue research and/or outreach that benefits the North Central Region. The normal period of appointment is one year. An NCRCD Fellow is awarded \$25,000 which can include salary, fringes, and travel. Fellows may collaborate virtually with NCRCD staff. Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis.

Persons wishing feedback on a project idea prior to applying are welcome to submit an initial concept to Dr. Michael Wilcox, Associate Director of the NCRCD at wilcox16@purdue.edu.

Faculty or staff interested in applying to the NCRCD Fellows Program should submit a proposal to Dr. Maria Marshall, Director of the NCRCD 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 NCRCD?
 - *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 NCRCD 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.
