



Statement of Allowed and Non-allowed Contract Funding Items and Categories

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Statement of allowed and non-allowed contract funding items and categories for soybean check-off dollars (applies to the North Central Soybean Research Program (NCSRP) for compliance purposes)

Allowed:

- MS and PhD graduate student salaries and benefits for NCSRP funded projects.
- MS and PhD graduate student tuition when the student is working on a funded soybean project and there is a *documented* (i.e. requires a statement that the tuition is for a soybean-specific field of study (e.g. to be included in semi-annual and final progress reports for documentation purposes), direct correlation of his/her coursework program and research work to soybeans. This must be stated / documented in the research project proposal and tuition must be paid back if the student does not complete his/her program on the soybean project.
- Postdoctoral research personnel salaries and benefits if working on the soybean project being funded.
- Non-tenure-track research professor salaries and benefits if working on the soybean project being funded.
- Technical staff (lab and field technicians) salaries and benefits. Only the portions that correlate to the work that they are doing for the soybean project being funded.
- Project-specific materials, supplies and small expendable/disposable equipment (usually less than \$3,000). Disposable equipment must be defined in the project proposal.
- Sub-contracts with collaborators, but subject to the same allowable and non-allowable funding categories and criteria as primary PI and team.
- Space and facility rental (lab and field) for the funded project
- Domestic travel specific to the funded project
- Project-specific publications and communications – including print and electronic
- Meetings, registrations, accommodations, meals for funded project-related business
- Field days and communication and outreach activities related to the funded project
- Project-specific research team travel and meetings at a central location, including facility rental, food, AV equipment.

Not Allowed

- Tenured or tenure-track faculty salaries and benefits (PI and/or Co-PI)
- Large/capital/durable/depreciable equipment (usually, but not necessarily >\$3,000)
- International travel
- Indirect costs and Overhead of any type or amount
- Computers