



North Central Soybean Research Program (NCSRP) – Research Request for Proposals (RFP)

This opportunity contains time-sensitive deadlines.

Please distribute to the appropriate faculty and staff as soon as possible.

- **NCSRP RFP Distributed:** March 27, 2026
 - **Proposal Deadline:** May 25, 2026 (11:59 PM)
 - **NCSRP Board Review and Funding Decisions:** August 2026
 - **FY27 Funding Cycle:** October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027
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Overview

The North Central Soybean Research Program (NCSRP) brings together soybean checkoff investments from 13 member states to drive impactful research and innovation. Through support for basic and applied research, student and postdoctoral training, Extension and outreach, and communications, NCSRP works to increase **profitability, enhance yields, and improve soybean quality.**

NCSRP is seeking collaborative, multi-state, multidisciplinary research proposals—both renewals and new projects—for funding beginning October 1, 2026. The Board prioritizes projects that advance **grower productivity and profitability while strengthening environmental stewardship, delivering practical short- and long-term benefits to soybean producers in the north central region.**

Priority Research Area

NEW proposals:

- Due to available budget for new projects, the board has requested that all **new** proposals be focused on the challenge of **Weed Management strategies** within **soybean cropping systems** for this upcoming fiscal year. This can include ideas that enhance the control of herbicide-resistant weeds, the cost of inputs, the improvement of the efficacy of current tools, cultural practices, mechanical practices, or non-traditional weed control strategies.

Project Renewals:

- Researchers currently receiving funding from the NCSRP for their multi-year project are also required to submit a full proposal for year 2 or year 3. The research focus is not limited to weed management.
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Proposal Requirements

Written proposal - includes the following:

- Cover Sheet and Budget Summary Spreadsheet (*form provided*)
- Proposal Template (*form provided*) – **concise and targeted to farmer audience**
- Allowed and not allowed expenses (*provided for reference only – do not include with submission*)

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Proposal Requirements *(continued)*

Short Video Summary:

- Submit a **3-minute (or less) video** for the **NCSRP** Farmer Board of Directors that:
 - Summarizes the research project
 - Explain **how it will benefit North Central soybean farmers**
 - Describes how it will help farmers become more **productive, profitable, and/or sustainable**
 - Outlines the **expected outcomes for farmers or the soybean industry**
 - Video guidelines
 - Resolution: 1080p at 30 fps
 - Record horizontally (landscape)
 - Center the subject in the frame
 - Most modern cell phones meet these requirements
 - Dropbox file share location:
 - <https://www.dropbox.com/request/VRwGadciET5KV9jGYMEG>
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General Guidelines

- Develop collaborative, multi-state/regional research projects
 - Clearly define deliverables with tangible short- and/or long-term benefits for soybean producers in the north central region
 - Outline how results will be effectively communicated to growers and to NCSRP
 - Emphasize measurable first-year progress in renewal and multi-year proposals
 - Continued funding depends on demonstrating and communicating meaningful early results
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Submission Process

Information and application materials can be found on the NCSRP website listed below.

ENSURE YOU HAVE THE FILES SAVED TO YOUR COMPUTER BEFORE EDITING

<https://ncsrp.com/>

Researchers interested in submitting a proposal **should provide an electronic copy of the cover sheet and budget summary in PDF format, and the proposal in Microsoft Word format or PDF format** and send to David Kurth at dkurth@iasoybeans.com. The **video** should be uploaded to the **Dropbox link** list above.

Questions can be addressed to David Kurth 515-334-1033 or Joe McClure, NCSRP Executive Director, telephone 515-334-1014 or email at mcclure@ncsrp.com.

Funds granted through this program are checkoff funds contributed to Qualified State Soybean Boards pursuant to the Soybean Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Act, 7 U.S.C. 6304 (1) (4). Work performed under this Agreement will be performed in accordance with the Soybean Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Act and the Soybean Promotion and Research Order, 7 CFR Part 1220.
