Funding Opportunity Edition

ND EPSCoR Funding Opportunities
The North Dakota Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (ND EPSCoR) currently has two open funding opportunities for which NDSU researchers are eligible:

Emerging Areas Seed Awards:
This program provides emerging areas seed awards of up to $25,000 to researchers in areas of emerging high impact and transformative research related to the Center for Cellular Biointerfaces in Science and Engineering (CCBSE). Eligible applicants are those that are not currently associated with the 2020-2025 ND-ACES cooperative agreement and did not receive a 2021 ND-ACES emerging seed award. Please see the Request For Applications for details.

Application Deadline: Noon, September 1, 2021

STEM Research, Education, and Outreach:
The ND EPSCoR State Office is now accepting proposals in the following categories:

1. equipment;
2. equipment repair;
3. undergraduate research;
4. seed awards for faculty to collect preliminary data for the preparation of federal STEM proposals;
5. external proposal review for large, collaborative and interdisciplinary STEM efforts;
6. seed awards for faculty and students to engage K-12 in STEM outreach activities;
7. development of online / virtual modules for STEM courses;
8. seed awards for community-based STEM outreach; and
9. electronic STEM data sets.

Please see the Request for Proposals for details.

Deadline: September 21, 2021, noon

DEPSCoR Regional DoD Day

October 20, 2021 | USD, Vermillion, SD

The University of South Dakota is hosting a Department of Defense (DoD) Regional DEPSCoR Day, where DoD program managers will provide information about the Defense Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCoR) program and general information about working with the DoD. For more information, please see: DEPSCoR Regional DoD Day.

Gunlogson Award

The NDSU Institute for Regional Studies solicits proposals for funds of up to $5,000 from the Gunlogson Endowment to support research and creative activity related to the fund’s purposes:

- Supporting the archives and publications of the North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies;
- Advancing general university outreach through Institute-related activities; and
- Enhancing NDSU’s land-grant mission though projects that preserve the cultural history of the region.

While projects that meet any of these three purposes will be considered, preference is given to projects that propose to use the archives of the Institute for Regional Studies and / or publish with the NDSU Press. Funds are jointly awarded by the NDSU Libraries and the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.
Any scholar working with Institute archival materials, doing work related to the cultural history of the region, and / or proposing to publish with the NDSU Press is eligible to apply for funding. This includes, but is not limited to, tenure-track and tenured faculty, visiting scholars, professors of practice, and graduate students. Up to three awards are made each year.

Proposals should include:

1. A cover page with the title of the project and contact information for each applicant. Applicant name(s) should not appear on subsequent pages of the proposal, but the proposal’s title and page numbers should be included on each page.
2. An abstract of no more than 150 words summarizing the narrative, the work plan, and the budget.
3. A narrative of up to 1000 words outlining:
   - the research question(s) or project focus;
   - the project’s place in contemporary scholarly conversations;
   - how the project’s objectives align with the Gunlogson fund’s purposes, including how the Institute's archival materials may inform the research or creative work; and
   - methods that will shape the project.
4. A work plan of no more than 350 words, including:
   - a timeline for completion of the proposed work (starting January 15 and concluding by December 15);
   - a plan for disseminating the proposed work, with preference given to projects that would be submitted to the NDSU Press for possible publication; and
   - a plan for using these funds to seed external research funding (as applicable).
5. A budget and budget rationale of no more than one page.

Proposals should be submitted to Jenna Reno (jenna.reno@ndsu.edu).

*Deadline: September 17, 2021.*
RCA Funding Opportunities

RCA has opened applications for two funding programs:

**Research Development Travel and Conference Support Awards** help defray expenses for faculty presenting at national conferences (virtual or on-site) or for supporting travel to visit archives or special collections. As this pool of funding is limited, please consider allowing individuals who do not have other sources of travel funding to apply for this opportunity.

**Research Support Services Awards** help defray the costs of support services required for research, creative, or scholarly activity. For example, funds may be used in one of the NDSU Core Facilities, another recharge / service center, or for transcription services.

More information and application instructions are posted on the [RCA website](#).

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**Upcoming Limited Submission Program Deadlines**

Limited submission grant programs are those that indicate a limit on the number of proposals that may be submitted by an institution for a particular deadline. A selection process becomes necessary if more applicants express interest in applying than NDSU is allowed to submit to the grant program. Email notifications of interest to [ndsu.researchdev@ndsu.edu](mailto:ndsu.researchdev@ndsu.edu).

If you identify a limited submission opportunity that is not on the list below, please notify [ndsu.researchdev@ndsu.edu](mailto:ndsu.researchdev@ndsu.edu).

- **Arts Midwest: GIG Fund**  
  *Notification Deadline: 08/25/2021*
- **Johnson & Johnson: Women in STEM2D Scholars**  
  *Notification Deadline: 09/02/2021*
- **NIH R25: Genome Research Experiences to Attract Talented Undergraduates into the Genomics Field to Enhance Diversity**  
  *Notification Deadline: 9/15/2021*
There are a number of limited submission grant programs with upcoming agency deadlines for which we did not receive any notifications of interest. A full list of those programs is available on the Limited Submissions page. For these programs, marked "First to Notify," approval to move forward with a full proposal submission to the funder will be given on a first come, first served basis. Email notifications of interest to ndsu.researchdev@ndsu.edu.

- NIH: Director's Early Independence Awards  
  Deadline: 09/03/2021
- NSF: Research Traineeship Program (NRT)  
  Deadline: 09/06/2021
- Library of Congress: Of the People - Widening the Path - Community Collections Grants  
  Deadline: 09/07/2021
- NSF: 2024 American National Election Study Competition  
  Letter of Intent Deadline: 09/20/2021
- NIH: Faculty Institutional Recruitment for Sustainable Transformation (FIRST) Program: FIRST Cohort  
  Deadline: 09/24/2021
- NIH: Bridges to the Baccalaureate  
  Deadline: 09/27/2021
- NEH: Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants  
  Deadline: 09/28/2021
- American Philosophical Society: Franklin Research Grants
- DARPA: Defense Sciences Office
- DARPA: Young Faculty Award
- DoD: Science & Technology for Advanced Manufacturing Projects
- DoD: Vannevar Bush Faculty Fellowship
- NEH: Dialogues on the Experience of War
- NEH: Scholarly Editions and Scholarly Translations
- NIH / NSF: Smart Health and Biomedical Research in the Era of Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Data Science
- NIH: Innovative Mental Health Services Research
- North Central SARE: Research and Education Grants
- NSF / NIH / USDA: Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases
- NSF: Cyber-Physical Systems
- NSF: Major Research Instrumentation - LIMITED
- NSF: Research Experiences for Teachers
- Retirement Research Foundation – LIMITED
- USDA: Farm of the Future

Looking for more funding opportunities?

RCA subscribes to SPIN by InfoEd Global, a database of more than 40,000 funding opportunities. Through this subscription, SPIN is free for current NDSU faculty, staff, and students.

For more information and to access this database, visit the [SPIN page](#) on the RCA website. If you have questions, please contact [ndsu.researchdev@ndsu.edu](mailto:ndsu.researchdev@ndsu.edu).

American Philosophical Society: Franklin Research Grants

Franklin Research Grants are designed to help meet the costs of travel to libraries and archives for research purposes; the purchase of microfilm, photocopies, or equivalent research materials; costs associated with fieldwork; or laboratory research expenses. PhD
candidates are not eligible to apply, but the society is interested in supporting the work of young scholars who have recently received their doctorate.

These awards are not intended to meet the expenses of attending conferences or the costs of publication. Applications require two letters of support.

For complete program guidelines, FAQs, and application instructions, see the American Philosophical Society website.

*Upcoming Deadlines: October 1, 2021 and December 1, 2021*

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**DARPA: Defense Sciences Office**

The mission of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Defense Sciences Office (DSO) is to identify and create the next generation of scientific discovery by pursuing high-risk, high-payoff research initiatives across a broad spectrum of science and engineering disciplines and transforming these initiatives into disruptive technologies for U.S. national security. In support of this mission, the DSO Office-wide BAA [HR001121S0032](https://dod slips) invites proposers to submit innovative basic or applied research concepts or studies and analysis proposals that address one or more of the following technical thrust areas:

1. Frontiers in Math, Computation and Design,
2. Limits of Sensing and Sensors,
3. Complex Social Systems, and
4. Anticipating Surprise.

Each of these thrust areas is described within the solicitation and includes a list of example research topics that highlight several (but not all) potential areas of interest. Proposals must investigate innovative approaches that enable revolutionary advances. DSO is explicitly not interested in approaches or technologies that primarily result in evolutionary improvements to the existing state of practice.

*Deadline is rolling through June 2022.*
**DARPA: Young Faculty Award**

The objective of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Young Faculty Award (YFA) program is to identify and engage rising stars in junior research positions, emphasizing those without prior DARPA funding, and expose them to DoD needs and DARPA’s program development process.

The YFA program provides funding, mentoring and industry and DoD contacts to awardees early in their careers so they may develop their research ideas in the context of national security needs. The long-term goal of the YFA program is to develop the next generation of academic scientists, engineers, and mathematicians who will focus a significant portion of their career on DoD and National Security issues.

DARPA is sponsoring a Proposers Day webcast to provide information to potential proposers on the objectives of an anticipated Research Announcement (RA) for the Young Faculty Award 2022 (YFA 2022) program. The Proposers Day will be held via prerecorded webcast on August 30, 2021 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. Advance registration is required for viewing the webcast.

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**DoD: Science & Technology for Advanced Manufacturing Projects**

The focus of this Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) [N00014-21-S-B002] is primarily on projects that continue to advance the systems engineering approach needed for the design, fabrication, and manufacture of structural components to address challenges in system weight, performance, affordability, and/or survivability. The foundation of this approach should include the integration of materials information, captured in computational tools, with engineering product performance analysis and manufacturing-process simulation termed commonly as Integrated Computational Materials Engineering (ICME). From this foundation it is expected the integration of manufacturing process information and product performance information utilizing the full range of engineering and analytical tools, processes, and principles to improve efficiency and effectiveness of their integrated approach. The intent is to bring together materials designers, materials suppliers, product designers, and manufacturers to collaborate on the design, production, and commercialization of novel affordable, manufacturable systems. Projects may include basic and applied research, technology and component development, and prototyping;
but may also focus on manufacturing supply-chain technical support and integration, workforce development, and manufacturing education.

**Prior to preparing proposals, potential offerors are encouraged strongly to contact the appropriate technical point of contact (POC) identified in the solicitation.**

*Deadline: October 30, 2021*

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**DoD: Vannevar Bush Faculty Fellowship**

The Vannevar Bush Faculty Fellowship (VBFF) program is sponsored by the Basic Research Office, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (USD (R&E)). VBFF supports innovative basic research within academia, as well as opportunities intended to develop the next generation of scientists and engineers for the defense workforce. VBFF is oriented towards bold and ambitious “blue sky” research that may lead to extraordinary outcomes such as revolutionizing entire disciplines, creating entirely new fields, or disrupting accepted theories and perspectives.

The objectives of the program are to:

- Support unclassified basic scientific and engineering research that could be the foundation for future revolutionary new capabilities for DoD.
- Educate and train student and post-doctoral researchers for the defense workforce.
- Foster long-term relationships between university researchers and the DoD.
- Familiarize university researchers and their students with DoD’s current and projected future challenges.
- Increase the number of talented technical experts that DoD can call upon.

This funding opportunity announcement [N00014-21-S-F007] is for single investigator grant proposals for basic research. Faculty with tenure at the time of proposal submission, with a record of substantial scientific contributions and the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to conduct the proposed research as the principal investigator (PI), are invited to submit an application.

Scientific areas of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Applied Mathematics and Computation Science;
• Networks and AI;
• Cognitive Neuroscience;
• Fundamentals of Bioengineering;
• Quantum Information Science;
• Electronics, Photonics and Quantum Materials; and
• Engineered Materials and Structures.

*Deadline: October 12, 2021*

**NEH: Dialogues on the Experience of War**

The *Dialogues on the Experience of War* program supports the study and discussion of important humanities sources about war, in the belief that these sources can help U.S. military veterans and others think more deeply about the issues raised by war and military service. *Dialogues* is designed to reach military veterans; however, projects involving discussion groups that integrate veterans with civilians, men and women in active service, and military families are welcome. Project teams should include humanities scholars, military veterans, and individuals with relevant experience.

*Deadline: October 14, 2021*

**NEH: Scholarly Editions and Scholarly Translations**

The *Scholarly Editions and Scholarly Translations program* provides grants to organizations to support collaborative teams who are editing, annotating, and translating foundational humanities texts that are vital to learning and research but are currently inaccessible or are available only in inadequate editions or translations. Typically, the texts are significant literary, philosophical, and historical materials, but other types of work, such as musical notation, may also be the subject of an edition.

The program supports continuous full-time or part-time activities during the periods of performance of one to three years. Projects must be undertaken by at least two scholars working collaboratively. While international collaboration is permitted, projects must maintain an equitable balance between scholars at U.S. institutions and scholars at non-U.S. institutions. In addition to supporting long-term editorial projects, the program also
encourages applications for short-term projects and for projects that are at a planning stage.

Optional draft deadline: September 24, 2021
Deadline: December 1, 2021

NIH / NSF: Smart Health and Biomedical Research in the Era of Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Data Science

Smart Health and Biomedical Research in the Era of Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Data Science is an interagency program supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Science Foundation (NSF). The purpose of this solicitation [NSF 21-530] is to support the development of transformative high-risk, high-reward advances in computer and information science, engineering, mathematics, statistics, behavioral and/or cognitive research to address pressing questions in the biomedical and public health communities. Transformations hinge on scientific and engineering innovations by interdisciplinary teams that develop novel methods to intuitively and intelligently collect, sense, connect, analyze and interpret data from individuals, devices and systems to enable discovery and optimize health. Solutions to these complex biomedical or public health problems demand the formation of interdisciplinary teams that are ready to address these issues, while advancing fundamental science and engineering.

See also: NIH Notice [NOT-OD-21-011].

Deadline: November 10, 2021

NIH: Innovative Mental Health Services Research Not Involving Clinical Trials (R01 Clinical Trials Not Allowed)

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) [PAR-21-316] is to encourage innovative research that will inform and support the delivery of high-quality, continuously improving mental health services to benefit the greatest number of individuals with, or at risk for developing, a mental illness. This announcement invites applications for non-clinical trial R01-level projects that address the National Institute of
Mental Health (NIMH) strategic priorities that strengthen the public health impact of NIMH-supported research as described in Goal 4 of the NIMH Strategic Plan.

Proposed research should seek to:
1. identify mutable factors that impact access, continuity, utilization, quality, value, and outcomes, including disparities in outcomes, or scalability of mental health services, which may serve as targets in future service delivery intervention development;
2. develop and test new research tools, technologies, measures, or methods and statistical approaches to study these issues;
3. integrate and analyze large data sets to understand factors affecting mental health services outcomes using advanced computational and predictive analytic approaches; and
4. wherever possible, leverage existing infrastructure and partnerships to accomplish these goals.

Standard R01 deadlines apply; upcoming deadline dates are October 5, 2021 and February 5, 2022

North Central Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Grants
The North Central Region SARE (NCR-SARE) Research and Education (R&E) Grant Program is a competitive grant program for researchers and educators involved in projects that explore and promote environmentally sound, profitable, and socially responsible food and/or fiber systems. Research and Education grant awards range from $10,000 to $250,000, and projects may last up to 36 months or may choose to propose a long-term project.

Research and Education projects include a strong outreach component and significant farmer/rancher or other end-user involvement from the inception of the idea through the implementation of the project. Many projects are interdisciplinary and/or multi-institutional, involving a broad range of agricultural interests. Project coordinators in the past have explored sustainable agriculture under the following topics:

- sustainable pest and weed management;
- marketing and local food systems;
- water quality and nutrient management;
systems research;
high tunnels and season extension;
crop diversification;
cover crops and soil health;
small ruminants / poultry / cattle;
pastured livestock / grazing systems;
pollinators and biodiversity; and
urban agriculture.

Pre-proposal deadline: October 7, 2021

NSF / NIH / USDA: Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases
The National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), support the Ecology and Evolution of Infectious Diseases (EEID) program [NSF 20-585] for research on the ecological, evolutionary, and social drivers that influence the transmission dynamics of infectious diseases. The central theme of submitted projects must be the quantitative or computational understanding of pathogen transmission dynamics. The intent is discovery of principles of infectious disease transmission and testing mathematical or computational models that elucidate infectious disease systems. Projects should be broad, interdisciplinary efforts that go beyond the scope of typical studies. They should focus on the determinants and interactions of transmission among any host species, including but not limited to humans, non-human animals, and / or plants. This includes, for example, the spread of pathogens; the influence of environmental factors such as climate; the population dynamics and genetics of reservoir species or hosts; the feedback between ecological transmission and evolutionary dynamics; and the cultural, social, behavioral, and economic dimensions of pathogen transmission. Research may be on zoonotic, environmentally-borne, vector-borne, or enteric pathogens of either terrestrial or aquatic systems and organisms, including diseases of animals and plants, at any scale from specific pathogens to inclusive environmental systems. Proposals for research on disease systems of public health concern to developing countries are strongly encouraged, as are disease systems of concern in agricultural systems. Investigators are encouraged to develop the appropriate multidisciplinary team, including for example, anthropologists, modelers, ecologists, bioinformaticians, genomics researchers, social scientists, economists, oceanographers, mathematical scientists, epidemiologists, evolutionary biologists, entomologists,
parasitologists, microbiologists, bacteriologists, virologists, pathologists or veterinarians, with the goal of integrating knowledge across disciplines to enhance our ability to predict and control infectious diseases. The EEID competition broadly welcomes, but does not require, that projects include international collaborators.

Deadline: November 17, 2021

NSF: Cyber-Physical Systems

Cyber-physical systems (CPS) are engineered systems that are built from, and depend upon, the seamless integration of computation and physical components. Advances in CPS will enable capability, adaptability, scalability, resiliency, safety, security, and usability that will expand the horizons of these critical systems.

The CPS program [NSF 21-551] aims to develop the core research needed to engineer these complex CPS, some of which may also require dependable, high-confidence, or provable behaviors. Core research areas of the program include control, data analytics, and machine learning including real-time learning for control, autonomy, design, Internet of Things (IoT), mixed initiatives including human-in- or human-on-the-loop, networking, privacy, real-time systems, safety, security, and verification. By abstracting from the particulars of specific systems and application domains, the CPS program seeks to reveal cross-cutting, fundamental scientific and engineering principles that underpin the integration of cyber and physical elements across all application domains. The program additionally supports the development of methods, tools, and hardware and software components based upon these cross-cutting principles, along with validation of the principles via prototypes and testbeds. This program also fosters a research community that is committed to advancing education and outreach in CPS and accelerating the transition of CPS research into the real world.

NSF is working closely with multiple agencies across the federal government, including DHS; DOT; NIH; and USDA-NIFA.

Proposals for three classes of research and education projects—differing in scope and goals—are supported through the CPS program:

- **Small** projects may request a total budget of up to $500,000 for a period of up to 3 years. They are well suited to emerging new and innovative ideas that may have
high impact on the field of CPS.  

*There is no deadline for Small projects.*

- **Medium** projects may request a total budget ranging from $500,001 to $1,200,000 for a period of up to 3 years. They are well suited to multi-disciplinary projects that accomplish clear goals requiring integrated perspectives spanning the disciplines.  
  *There is no deadline for Medium Projects.*

- **Frontier** projects must address clearly identified critical CPS challenges that cannot be achieved by a set of smaller projects. Furthermore, Frontier projects should also look to push the boundaries of CPS well beyond today's systems and capabilities. Funding may be requested for a total of $1,200,001 to $7,000,000 for a period of 4 to 5 years.  
  *Deadline: December 15, 2021*

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**NSF: Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) – Limited Submission Program**

*Limited submission grant programs* are those that indicate a limit on the number of proposals that may be submitted by an institution for a particular deadline. A selection process becomes necessary if more applicants express interest in applying than NDSU is allowed to submit to the grant program.

**NSF MRI:** Notify RCA by 9/29/2021, 5:00 p.m. if you are interested in submitting to this program.

The National Science Foundation Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program [*NSF 18-513*](https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2018/nsf18513/nsf18513.jsp) serves to increase access to multi-user scientific and engineering instrumentation for research and research training in our Nation's institutions of higher education and not-for-profit scientific / engineering research organizations. An MRI award supports the acquisition or development of a multi-user research instrument that is, in general, too costly and / or not appropriate for support through other NSF programs. **Cost sharing of precisely 30% of the total project cost is required.**
Based on the NSF 18-513 solicitation, an MRI proposal may request support for either the acquisition or development of a research instrument.

- **Track 1:** Track 1 MRI proposals are those that request funds from NSF greater than or equal to $100,000 and less than $1,000,000. Two proposal submissions are allowed per organization.
- **Track 2:** Track 2 MRI proposals are those that request funds from NSF greater than or equal to $1,000,000 up to and including $4,000,000. One proposal submission is allowed per organization.

**LIMITED SUBMISSION:** The MRI program requires that an MRI-eligible organization may, as a performing organization, submit or be included as a significantly funded subawardee in *no more than three MRI proposals*. Each performing organization is limited to a maximum of three proposals in the “Tracks” as defined above, with no more than two submissions in Track 1 and no more than one submission in Track 2.

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**NSF: Research Experiences for Teachers**

The Research Experiences for Teachers (RET) in Engineering and Computer Science program [NSF 21-606] supports authentic summer research experiences for K-14 educators to foster long-term collaborations between universities, community colleges, school districts, and industry partners. With this solicitation, the Directorates for Engineering (ENG) and Computer and Information Science and Engineering (CISE) focus on a reciprocal exchange of expertise between K-14 educators and research faculty and (when applicable) industry mentors. K-14 educators will enhance their scientific disciplinary knowledge in engineering or computer science and translate their research experiences into classroom activities and curricula to broaden their students’ awareness of and participation in computing and engineering pathways. At the same time, the hosting research faculty will deepen their understanding of classroom practices, current curricula, pedagogy, and K-14 educational environments.

*Deadline: November 16, 2021*
Retirement Research Foundation – Limited Submission Program

Limited submission grant programs are those that indicate a limit on the number of proposals that may be submitted by an institution for a particular deadline. A selection process becomes necessary if more applicants express interest in applying than NDSU is allowed to submit to the grant program.

RRF: Notify RCA by 09/29/2021, 5:00 p.m. if you are interested in submitting to this program for the December deadline.

The Retirement Research Foundation (RRF) funds research that seeks to identify interventions, policies and practices to improve the well-being of older adults and/or their caregivers. Preference is given to projects aimed at generating practical knowledge and guidance that can be used by advocates, policy-makers, providers, and the aging network. Of particular interest are:

- Interventional trials; translational studies; and health services and policy research;
- Projects that build on the investigator’s past studies;
- Proposals that include robust dissemination plans, if appropriate, to assure that findings reach audiences positioned to act on them.

LIMITED SUBMISSION: Only one proposal / letter of inquiry is allowed per department per grant cycle.

USDA: Farm of the Future

Farm of the Future is a competitive grant program implemented by USDA NIFA to establish an agricultural test bed and demonstration site. It seeks to launch this rural test bed for precision agriculture, smart automation, data connectivity and transfer, and to demonstrate best practices in climate-smart agriculture, forestry, and animal production systems that enhance sustainability and farm profitability. The test bed will evaluate digital and smart technologies to provide accessible, data-driven solutions that support resilient agricultural and value-added practices.
Deadline: October 15, 2021

Have questions, ideas, or suggestions for the RCA Update?

Contact Us

The Office of Research and Creative Activity (RCA) sends weekly emails to NDSU faculty and staff to provide current information on various topics including funding opportunities, grant program changes, research resources, deadlines, notices, and training.

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