

North Central Regional Aquaculture Center

Reminder for Rapid Response (Out-of-Cycle) RFP 2025 to Address Emerging Challenges in U.S. Aquaculture

This is a friendly reminder that the North Central Regional Aquaculture Center (NCRAC) accepts rapid response, out-of-cycle proposals to address any critical, emergent challenges impacting aquaculture in the North Central region. This includes, but is not limited to, challenges and opportunities with a timely component like regulatory changes, tariffs, inflation, novel disease emergence, or need for timely workshops. Projects should emphasize high-impact outcomes that help the industry understand and respond to emerging challenges.

Available Funding: Up to \$50,000 per project.

Project Submission & Review Schedule: Rolling

Eligibility and Criteria: Proposals must comply with standard NCRAC eligibility requirements (see 2025 RFP at <https://www.ncrac.org/>)

Reporting Requirements: Awardees will be expected to provide traditional NCRAC reporting, with an emphasis on producing information that is easily consumable and impactful for the aquaculture industry.

Review Process: Following operating guidelines, the review process will consist of first an initial review by the Director, and if approved developed and reviewed by the Executive Committees of the IAC and TCR and TCE; outside reviews can be done if directed by the Executive Committee. Final approval is done by the board and then submitted to USDA-NIFA for final approval.

Proposal Format: Will follow our out-of-cycle proposal format (see the Operation Manual, page 16 at <https://www.ncrac.org/files/inline-files/Op%20Manual%20April%202021.pdf>)

Submission:

Proposals should be submitted via email to: **Thomas Detmer**, NCRAC Director – tdetmer@iastate.edu with CC to **Ellen Nystrom** – ejn@iastate.edu with the subject

Questions may also be directed to the above contacts.