



## **Crop Year 2026 Cover Letter:**

Greetings Researchers,

The Minnesota Wheat Research and Promotion Council is issuing a request for research proposals for Crop Year 2026. The goal for this funding is to improve the productivity and quality of wheat produced in Minnesota through increased yields, reduced input costs, and increased value. Please review the research priorities that the Research Committee will use to evaluate proposals. If you have an idea for a project that is not on the priority list, please contact me to discuss it prior to preparing a proposal. Proposals may be submitted for one to three years. For proposals requesting two or three years of funding, the Council may require the Principal Investigator (PI) to resubmit the proposal for re-approval in subsequent years.

The Research Committee will preview all proposals and notify principal investigators by November 28 if their proposals were selected for review at their Proposal Review Meeting on December 10, 2025 at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, North Dakota. PIs will be asked to give a presentation in person or via Zoom. The schedule will be emailed by December 2, 2025, and each PI will have 15 minutes to present their proposal and answer questions.

Following the presentations on December 10, 2025 the Research Committee will evaluate each proposal and make their recommendations to the Council in early January of 2026. PIs will be contacted by email by January 31, 2026 if their project will be funded, and contracts will be sent out by February 27, 2026. For those proposals receiving funding, initial invoices (up to 50% of the approved funding) may be submitted after July 1, 2026, and final invoices for expenses incurred by December 31, 2026 must be emailed (along with financial and updated project reports) to [bsorenson@mnwheat.com](mailto:bsorenson@mnwheat.com) by February 26, 2027.

The link to download the proposal form template, the 2026 research priorities, and timeline is <https://mnwheat.org/council/requestforproposals/>. If your university has a standard contract and budget form, you are welcome to use it, as long as all the elements of the template are covered.

**Full proposals (with approved budgets) must be emailed to [bsorenson@mnwheat.com](mailto:bsorenson@mnwheat.com) before 11:59 PM on November 15, 2025.**

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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