



Invitation to Submit Research Proposals for Crop Year 2027

Greetings Researchers,

The Minnesota Wheat Research and Promotion Council is issuing a request for proposals for Crop Year 2027. The goal for this funding is to improve the profitability of wheat produced in Minnesota through increased yields, reduced input costs, improved soil health, and increased quality and value for customers. Please review the research priorities that the MN Wheat 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. Proposals may be submitted for one to three years; however, please contact me to discuss proposals requesting more than one year of funding, as the PI may be required to resubmit the proposal for re-approval in subsequent years.

Full proposals (with approved budgets) must be emailed to me before 11:59 PM on November 14, 2026. The Research Committee will conduct a preliminary review of all proposals and notify PIs by November 30 if their proposal is selected for the Proposal Review Meeting on December 17, 2026. PIs have the option to give a 15-minute presentation via Zoom or in person at the Northwest Research and Outreach Center, located on the campus of the University of Minnesota-Crookston. The schedule will be emailed by December 4, 2026.

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, 2027 if their project will be funded, and contracts will be sent out by February 27, 2027. 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, 2027 must be emailed (along with financial and updated project reports) to me by February 28, 2028.

The link to download the proposal form template, the 2027 research priorities, and timeline is <https://mnwheat.org/council/requestforproposals/>. If your organization has a standard contract and budget form, you are welcome to use it, as long as all the elements are included.

Full proposals (with approved budgets) must be emailed to bsorenson@mnwheat.com before 11:59 PM on November 14, 2026.

Thank you and please contact me if you have any questions.

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