



Northeastern States Research Cooperative Releases Request for Proposals

In 2020, Congress reinstated funding to support the Northeastern States Research Cooperative (NSRC). NSRC 2.0 will again put science to work across the Northern Forest in support of a vibrant and thriving economy and culture, rooted in forest health.

A request for proposals (RFP) for 2021 has been released and is available on the [NSRC](#) website. We anticipate an estimated \$1.5 million will be available to support research projects over the four-year funding period. For research under NSRC 2.0, we seek proposals addressing (1) the state of the forest, (2) measuring and quantifying impacts, and/or (3) developing tools for response (see the RFP for complete guidelines for submissions). Participation in this RFP is open to scientists, resource managers, policy makers, and other stakeholders pursuing research relevant to forest lands in the northern tier of New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. Applicants from all races, ethnicities, national origins, genders, sexual orientations, and career stages are encouraged to apply.

From 2001 to 2016, NSRC was a critically important source of funding for applied forest research and outreach efforts throughout the Northern Forest. During those years, the program supported more than 335 research projects across 50 organizations and in partnership with hundreds of land owners and managers, conservation groups, government staff, and private citizens. NSRC research has resulted in original data, predictive tools, and recommendations to manage, protect, and monitor essential natural resources in a regional culture and economy that depend on a healthy, working Northern Forest.

During the past summer, an External Advisory Committee (EAC) was convened to identify key areas of research and priority issues facing forest stakeholders in the Northern Forest region and to provide guidance crafting the RFP. The EAC is composed of 17 members representative of the communities, businesses, industries, and agencies in the Northern Forest Region that contribute to and benefit from knowledge generated by research funded via the NSRC.

Timeline: Interested researchers are required to submit a pre-proposal by October 23, 2020; full proposals will be due January 22, 2021. The NSRC plans both an external and internal review of full proposals. Notifications of final proposal selections will be made by April 1, 2021, and funding will be awarded in May 2021 in time for the 2021 field season.

With the renewed federal support, NSRC 2.0 will support and disseminate cross-disciplinary, collaborative research that focuses on ecosystems, socio-economics, forest products, and conservation among communities of the Northern Forest region.

The Northeastern States Research Cooperative (NSRC) is a competitive grant program for Northern Forest research, jointly directed through the USDA Forest Service [Northern Research Station](#), the [Hubbard Brook Research Foundation](#), and a designated institution in each of the four Northern Forest states: the [Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources](#) at the University of Vermont, the [Department of Natural Resources and the Environment](#) at the University of New Hampshire, the [Center](#)

[for Research on Sustainable Forests](#) at the University of Maine, and the [Department of Sustainable Resources Management](#) at the College of Environmental Science and Forestry at the State University of New York .

For more information about NSRC 2.0, please visit our website at <https://nsrcforest.org>. If you have questions on the RFP you can contact one of the NSRC state managers listed below:

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