



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**Travel Awards for ND-ACES CCBSE Faculty Participants**

**Issued: April 4/19/22**  
**Deadline: Noon CDT 5/31/22**

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***Limited Funding Available***  
***Travel must be completed by 6/15/22***

**Purpose:**

ND EPSCoR's New Discoveries in the Advanced Interface of Computation, Engineering, and Science (ND-ACES) RII Track-1 mission is to support scientific efforts that result in increased STEM faculty capacity and competitiveness.

To underscore the importance of collaborations in the sustainability of the ND-ACES effort, travel seed awards of up to \$3,000 are available to ND-ACES Center for Cellular Biointerfaces in Science and Engineering (CCBSE) senior personnel. A collaboration is the extension or development of a research-based engagement (directly aligned with the CCBSE applicant's ND-ACES activities) with a non-CCBSE researcher affiliated with an academic institution or national laboratory. Travel must be within the domestic U.S. (including within ND) and must be completed by 6/15/22.

**Eligibility:**

CCBSE senior personnel at any of the nine ND EPSCoR ND-ACES CCBSE participating campuses are eligible to apply for this funding: 1) Cankdeska Cikana Community College, 2) Dickinson State University, 3) Mayville State University, 4) Minot State University, 5) Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College, 6) North Dakota State University, 7) Turtle Mountain Community College, 8) University of North Dakota, or 9) Valley City State University.

**Evaluation Criteria:**

**Proposals will be evaluated in weekly batches until funding is exhausted beginning April 26, 2022.**

Evaluation criteria will include:

- Strength of tie to participant's ND-ACES CCBSE Strategic Plan activities.
- Potential for achieving the stated technical goals within a short timeframe (by 12/31/22).
- Extension of a current collaboration directly tied to applicant's CCBSE activities with this collaborator and another CCBSE researcher not currently associated with the collaboration.
- Evidence of prior output/product directly tied to applicant's CCBSE activities with this collaborator.

**Proposal must address the following:**

- Name and affiliation of applicant's collaborator.
- Description (up to three pages) of:
  - the research collaboration, including its alignment with ND-ACES CCBSE goals and objectives and the applicant's CCBSE activities, as outlined in the [ND-EPSCoR ND-ACES Strategic Plan](#),
  - short-term plans (through 12/31/22) for this collaboration, including a timeline for the development of collaborative outputs/products tied to the applicant's CCBSE activities,
  - extension to another CCBSE researcher (if applicable), and
  - previously produced outputs/products with this collaborator that are directly tied to the applicant's CCBSE activities (if any).

**Questions:**

If you have any questions, please contact Jean Ostrom-Blonigen [jean.ostrom@ndus.edu](mailto:jean.ostrom@ndus.edu).

**Proposal Submission:**

Please send electronic proposals to [ndepscor@ndus.edu](mailto:ndepscor@ndus.edu) with the subject heading "CCBSE P&C Travel RFP."