

## Northeastern IPM Center Grants at a Glance

This chart summarizes differences between the two Requests for Applications offered by the Northeastern IPM Center. Please refer to RFAs for details. Updated 05/10.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS	BOTH GRANT PROGRAMS	IPM PARTNERSHIP GRANTS	REGIONAL IPM GRANTS (RIPM)
When is the RFA released?		September (by the Center)	October (by USDA-NIFA)
When is the proposal due?		Mid-November.	Letter of intent: Mid-November Full proposal: Mid-December
When are funding decisions announced?		Early to mid-February	Early March
Who is eligible to submit a proposal (as a project director)?	Project directors must reside in the Northeast Region (ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT, NY, PA, NJ, MD, WV, DE, and DC). People outside the region may collaborate with eligible project directors.	Anyone in the region, including those not in land grant institutions.	Faculty and staff may apply for <i>research</i> awards if employed by Agricultural Experiment Stations, land grant institutions (1862, 1890, and 1994 charters), or Veterinary Medicine Colleges. For <i>extension</i> projects, only faculty and staff from 1862 land grants may apply. See RFA for specifics.
What's the purpose of the grant?	To further the mission of the Northeastern IPM Center, which is to foster the development and adoption of IPM.	To support stakeholder-led projects that establish or address regional IPM priorities; document the status of pest management for a crop or setting; form partnerships among growers, scientists, educators, environmental groups, governmental agencies, and others; or communicate IPM. Extension projects are encouraged.	To research IPM methods and to extend IPM information to others.
What kinds of projects are funded?	A database of previously funded projects is available at <a href="http://northeastipm.org/grantsystem/">northeastipm.org/grantsystem/</a>	For 2011, there will be four project types. A separate minigrant RFA may be offered at a later date. - IPM Working Groups - IPM Issues - Regional IPM Publications - IPM Planning and Assessment Documents	Projects fall into one of three project types, described fully in the RFA: - Research - Extension - Joint Research-Extension More funds are available for Research projects and for Joint Research-Extension projects than for Extension projects.
How do I apply?	RFAs with full instructions for applying to each program are online at <a href="http://northeastipm.org/grants.cfm">northeastipm.org/grants.cfm</a>	You or your authorized organizational representative must submit the proposal online. Follow the instructions in the RFA and download blank forms as needed from <a href="http://northeastipm.org/grantsystem/">northeastipm.org/grantsystem/</a> . Upload completed forms and other documents to <a href="http://northeastipm.org/grantsystem/">northeastipm.org/grantsystem/</a>	Your organization must be registered with <a href="http://Grants.gov">Grants.gov</a> prior to application submission. Your authorized organizational representative must submit via <a href="http://Grants.gov">Grants.gov</a> once you have completed the electronic forms according to the instructions provided in the RFA and the guide to <a href="http://Grants.gov">Grants.gov</a> .

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<b>Which program has a simpler application? Is a letter of intent required?</b>	Both programs require a cover sheet, project description, budget, budget narrative, current and pending support form, conflict of interest listing, and CVs.	This program has a less complex RFA than RIPM and does not require a letter of intent or separate relevance statement.	You must submit a letter of intent by its deadline. Proposals without a prior letter of intent will not be accepted. The proposal requires a three-page relevance statement.
<b>My project will benefit primarily my own state. To which program should I apply?</b>	All applicants to programs funded by the Northeastern IPM Center should be able to convincingly show benefits to the region. If your project doesn't show regional benefits, consider applying to other programs.	The strongest Partnership proposals involve multistate collaborations and benefit the entire region.	A successful RIPM proposal often involves paid or unpaid collaborations with one or more states.
<b>May I submit the same proposal to both programs?</b>	Yes, but if funded by both, you must turn one down.		
<b>Who writes the RFA?</b>		The Center writes the RFA and maintains authority over it.	The Center identifies regional priorities and drafts the RFA, but the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) makes sure it conforms to their standards.
<b>What is the funding success rate for each program?</b>		Since 2006, we have funded 18-28 projects per year, with a funding rate of 50-85% of proposals.	Since 2006, we have funded about 7 projects per year, with a funding rate of 20-35% of proposals.
<b>What's the grant duration?</b>		Usually one year.	Up to three years (see RFA for details).
<b>How much money is available?</b>		Approximately \$450,000 for the 2010 funding cycle.	Approximately \$600,000 for fiscal year 2010: \$355,000 for Research; \$70,000 for Extension; and \$175,000 for Joint Research-Extension
<b>What are typical award amounts?</b>		IPM Working Groups: up to \$20,000 IPM Issues: up to \$40,000 Regional IPM Publications: up to \$20,000 Planning & Assessment Documents: varies	Typical total funding per project (some projects are multi-year): Research: \$90,000 Extension: \$30,000 Joint Research-Extension: \$100,000
<b>What are the allowable indirect costs ("overhead")?</b>		Up to 22% of Total Funds Received, which is equivalent to 28.2% of Total Direct Costs.	Indirect costs are not allowed.
<b>Who disburses the funds?</b>		The Northeastern IPM Center through The Pennsylvania State University.	USDA-NIFA directly to the institution of the project director receiving the award.
<b>How can I get more information?</b>	Visit our website, <a href="http://NortheastIPM.org">http://NortheastIPM.org</a> , or contact Grants Manager John Ayers at The Pennsylvania State University: Telephone (814) 777-1291, Email: <a href="mailto:jea@psu.edu">jea@psu.edu</a>		