



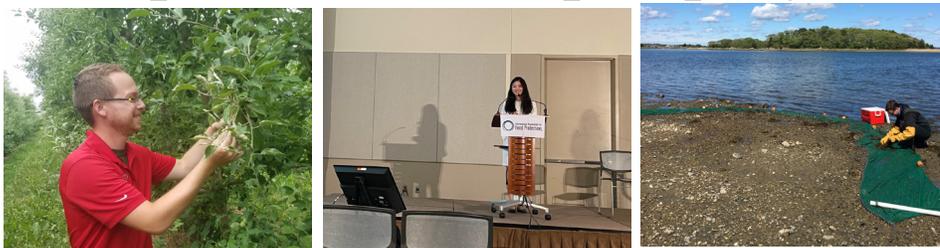
# Graduate Student Grant Program

## About this grant program

Northeast SARE offers grants to graduate students to conduct research on topics specific to sustainable agriculture under the supervision of a faculty advisor. Proposals should address issues of current or potential importance to Northeast farmers, agricultural researchers, and farm support professionals like NRCS personnel, Extension educators, and nonprofit staff.

## Funding Available

### Up to \$15,000 per project



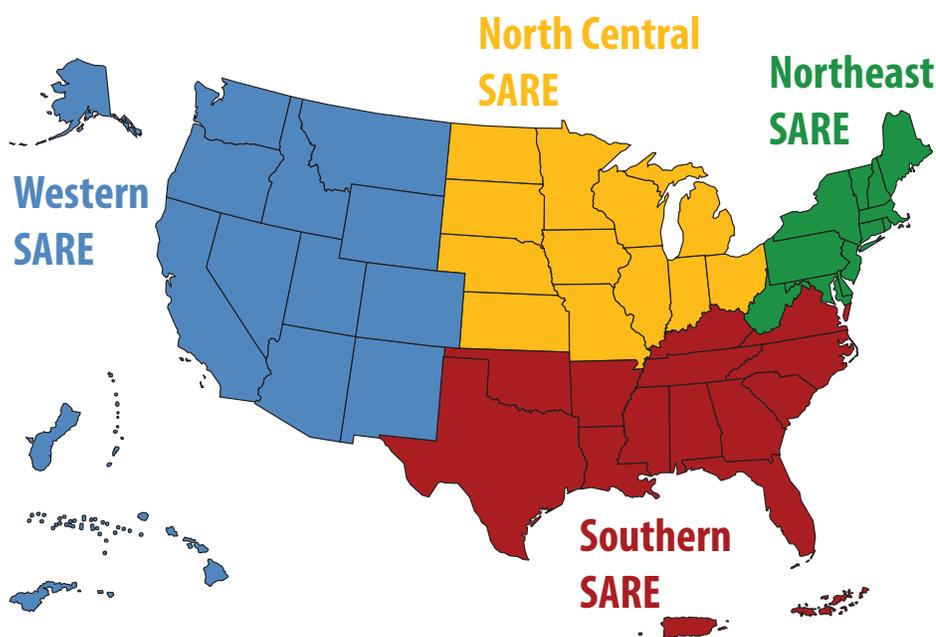
Funds available for project-specific expenses including: hourly compensation, supplies, materials, services like testing and consulting, project-based travel, and outreach.

## Who can apply?

This grant program is open to any graduate student enrolled at an accredited college, university, or veterinary school who is proposing to conduct research that takes place in the Northeast region. Proposals are limited to one per graduate student per year. An individual student may receive only one Northeast SARE Graduate Student Grant over the course of their graduate studies.

Northeast SARE encourages projects submitted from or in collaboration with women, the LGBTQIA+ community, and Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) communities.

Additionally, we encourage projects submitted from or in collaboration with Minority Serving Institutions (including 1890s and other historically Black colleges and universities, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, and tribal colleges and universities) and other organizations in the Northeast that work with historically underserved communities.



Northeast SARE serves the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, West Virginia, Vermont, and Washington, D.C.



## What types of projects are funded?

Projects may address a range of topics including, but not limited to, cropping systems, pest management, livestock health, social sustainability, soil quality, farm energy production, farm labor, urban agriculture, and the marketing of local agricultural products. They must also explore one or more of the sustainable agriculture themes of environmental stewardship, profitability, and quality of life for farmers and the farm community.

Competitive proposals explore new ideas and techniques or apply known ideas in new ways or with new communities. Proposals are evaluated by independent review teams made up of farmers, researchers, nonprofit staff and agricultural service providers.

Reviewers look to fund projects that are well-designed to meet proposed objectives and promise the greatest benefit to farming communities. Funding decisions are driven by the extent to which a proposal addresses review criteria described in the application, the potential benefits of the proposed work to farm communities in the Northeast, and whether a proposal contributes to Northeast SARE's Outcome Statement.

## Northeast SARE's Outcome Statement

Northeast agricultural communities honor the holistic connection among land, water, air, and all living beings. Agriculture in the Northeast is accessible, sustainable, and just, addressing historic and current inequities so all farmers and farm employees can steward resources to ensure sustainability, resilience, economic viability, and a high quality of life.

### View past projects



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### Get more information



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## Faculty Advisors

Because institutions of higher education typically do not allow students to manage institutional grant awards, a faculty advisor will be named the principal investigator of the awarded grant. Faculty advisors must endorse the proposal, oversee the research, and as the official principal investigator they must ensure the project's budgeted expenditures are acceptable. However, the graduate student is expected to write and submit their proposal, and manage their project if it is funded.

## What Graduate Student Grants aren't for

This grant program is not meant to help start or expand farm businesses or research farms. Graduate Student Grant funds cannot be used to pay for capital costs associated with building a barn, greenhouse, or other major farm fixture, nor can funds be used to purchase durable equipment like tractors or computers, or for any utility, telephone, or for any costs that would normally be incurred in the absence of the project.

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