

Timeline for FY2025 WRAC Research & Outreach Projects

Development of Problem Statements to

Selection of Full Proposals

2023

Summer

- Solicit from regional stakeholders identifiable Research Priority Areas

Fall

- Industry Advisory Council (IAC) biennial meeting, largely to compile priority suggestions into a short list
- IAC/Technical Committee (TC) meets to review priority listing and develop Problem Statements for submission to the WRAC Board of Directors (Board)
- Board meets to approve Problem Statements and Request for Pre-Proposals

Winter

- Admin Office (AO) prepares to distribute Request for Pre-proposals (Dec-Jan)

2024

Late Winter/Early Spring

- Pre-proposal deadline is set, RFP distributed, pre-proposals received by AO
- Executive Committee (EC) reviews pre-proposals and recommends to Board

Spring

- Board meets in May to review and act on recommendations from EC regarding Pre-proposals
- AO notifies Pre-proposal authors of Board's decisions & instructs them regarding preparation and deadline for receipt of Full Proposals (generally in July)

Summer

- Prior to Full Proposal deadline, PIs provides potential external reviewers to AO, AO reviews for COI, and recruits appropriate external reviewers
- Full Proposals are due mid summer
- AO distributes Full Proposals for external peer review

Fall

- AO provides summary of external reviews to PI, requests a response letter
- AO forwards Full Proposals with compilation of external peer reviews and response letter from PI to the IAC/TC for review
- IAC/TC meets in October to review Full Proposals and make recommendations to the Board regarding project funding
- Board meets in November to act on IAC/TC recommendations for new and ongoing program funding

Winter

- Notifications sent to Lead PIs of Full Proposals

2025 Details regarding funding will follow selection of projects with an anticipated start date of September 1, 2025. However, funding has been delayed in recent years and could be received anytime from September 2025 to January 2026.