

Request for Applications
Northeastern Regional Aquaculture Center
National Aquaculture Extension Conference 2022 Travel Awards

The National Aquaculture Extension Conference (NAEC) has been held at approximately five-year intervals since 1992. The overarching goal of the conference is to provide a forum for professional development and networking for those involved in aquaculture Extension education and outreach. The last in-person conference was held in Boise, Idaho in 2017 and was hosted by the Western Regional Aquaculture Center (WRAC) and co-chaired by Gary Fornshell and Forrest Wynne. A shorter virtual conference was conducted in June 2021.

Contingent on COVID restrictions, the next National Aquaculture Extension Conference will be held on June 13-17 in Portland, Maine and co-chaired by Dana Morse and Forrest Wynne. The 2022 conference is co-sponsored by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture's (NIFA) five Regional Aquaculture Centers, the NOAA National Aquaculture and Sea Grant Programs, and the University of Maine.

The Northeastern Regional Aquaculture Center (NRAC) has been awarded funds from USDA-NIFA to support the attendance of individuals whose professional duties include *Extension/outreach in support of commercial aquaculture* within the eleven-state Northeastern region and the District of Columbia served by NRAC.

We have a set amount of funding to support attendance to this Conference. Depending on the number of applications in relation to this funding, travel Awards may reimburse awardees for early-bird conference registration, domestic travel from the location of your home institution to the conference (ground transportation and flights), accommodation, and daily *per diem* at federal rates. Details of the conference program, registration, hotel accommodations, and planned field trips will be available in early April. Web information will be available from the Maine Sea Grant program (<https://seagrant.umaine.edu/extension/national-aquaculture-extension-conference/>) and the NRAC website (nrac.org).

Eligibility: Applications are invited from those aquaculture Extension-Sea Grant individuals within the Northeastern Region served by NRAC. Applicants are required to be actively involved in the NAEC (e.g., platform or poster presentations, or organizing/leading conference sessions or workshops).

Applications should include (12-point font):

- 1. Name, position, and contact details**
- 2. Justification of the request:** (250 words maximum: why will your attendance benefit the Northeastern region's commercial aquaculture industry?)
- 3. Budget (approximate):** costs of ground transportation, flights, conference registration, accommodation plus number of days per diem. Applicants are expected to use the lowest priced air fares available.
- 4. Budget justification:** (breakdown, why are other funds not available).
- 5. Curriculum vitae:** (maximum of two single-spaced pages)