

Mark Your Calendar!

April 10-13, 2022 | Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark | St. Louis, Missouri

Purpose

The annual National Extension and Research Administrative Officers Conference (NERAOC) provides a venue for professional development, information sharing, and networking to state Cooperative Extension, Agricultural Experiment Station, and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) staff. The NERAOC serves individuals at Land-grant institutions in all regions as defined by the APLU Board on Agricultural Assembly (BAA), Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy (ESCOP) and **Extension Section Committee** on Organization and Policy (ECOP).

Reasons to attend the conference in person after a two year break

- Hear the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)
 Update
- Meet and network with many new faces at NIFA as well as colleagues at other Land Grant Universities (LGU) across the country
- Attend engaging presentations and panel discussions showcasing policy guidance, best practices and emerging issues with presenters from NIFA & LGUs within the 6 conference breakout sessions:

Diversity & Inclusion	Finance/Capacity Funding	Grant	HR/Organizational Development	Minority-Serving	Program Reporting & Accountability
Participants in this track will explore how we interact with different dimensions of Diversity and Inclusion through NIFA, University, regulatory, and individual points of view.	Primary focus is the fiscal management of the capacity funds for extension and research. This track is devoted to financial management, which includes the planning, directing, monitoring, organizing and controlling the monetary resources at our institutions.	This track focuses on the USDA-NIFA grant lifecycle. Note that the session descriptions will describe if a topic pertains to Competitive and/or Capacity grants.	Influencing organizational change and performance through the expansion	In addition to collaborating on ideas to address common issues and concerns this track will offer opportunities for various Minority Serving Institutions to get to know each other, share institutional history, and discuss what has made each MSI successful. This track will allow MSI to interact directly with our federal partners related to developing effective and efficient business practices and programming to meet the needs of our diverse audiences.	This track focuses on providing information, examples, and tools for robust programmatic reporting and improved accountability.

 Attend roundtable discussions for hot topics such as the new NIFA Reporting System (NRS) on the final day to debrief post breakout sessions, get additional clarifications and ask questions.

Conference and hotel registration will open in January 2022 at the conference website https://cvent.me/ebAXq0. We look forward to welcoming you to the Show-Me State!







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