Opportunity Title: USDA-ARS Soil Health Alliance for Research and Engagement Fellowship
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How to Apply ***To submit your application, scroll to the bottom of this opportunity and click APPLY.***

A complete application consists of:

- An application
- Transcript(s) – For this opportunity, an unofficial transcript or copy of the student academic records printed by the applicant or by academic advisors from internal institution systems may be submitted. Click here for detailed information about acceptable transcripts.
- A current resume/CV, including academic history, employment history, relevant experiences, and publication list
- Two educational or professional recommendations

All documents must be in English or include an official English translation.

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Application Deadline 12/18/2026 3:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

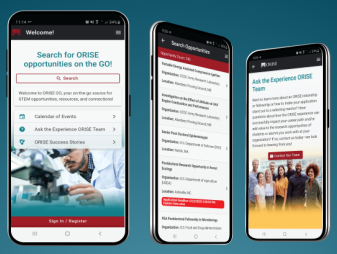
Description ***Applications are reviewed on a rolling-basis and applications may close before the deadline.**

ARS Office/Lab and Location: A research opportunity is currently available with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Research Service (ARS), located in Madison, Wisconsin.

The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief scientific in-house research agency with a mission to find solutions to agricultural problems that affect Americans every day from field to table. ARS will deliver cutting-edge, scientific tools and innovative solutions for American farmers, producers, industry, and communities to support the nourishment and well-being of all people; sustain our nation's agroecosystems and natural resources; and ensure the economic competitiveness and excellence of our agriculture. The vision of the agency is to provide global leadership in agricultural discoveries through scientific excellence.

Research Project: The Soil Health Alliance for Research and Engagement (SHARE) group engages in soil health research to translate soil health management practices into on-farm implementation. The SHARE leadership team is a multi-institution group that coordinates research efforts across participating institutions to advance the development and adoption of soil health practices. Learning activities of this fellowship include collaborating with SHARE partners; contributing to internal and external reports on SHARE activities and accomplishments; collaborating with partner communication teams to provide information for external communication materials; supporting SHARE partners in transferring soil health practices to farmers through farmer

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networks and other engagement activities.

Learning Objectives: Under the guidance of a mentor, you will have the opportunity to learn to:

- Organize and implement farmer led and participatory on farm soil health research,
- Create internal and external communication and scientific reporting items for stakeholders and team research participants, and;
- Operate within a complex team environment with multiple participating groups with the goal of furthering dissemination and implementation of soil health related research.

Mentor(s): The mentor for this opportunity is Heathcliffe Riday (heathcliffe.riday@usda.gov). If you have questions about the nature of the research, please contact the mentor(s).

Anticipated Appointment Start Date: November 2026. Start date is flexible and will depend on a variety of factors.

Appointment Length: The appointment will initially be for one year, but may be renewed upon recommendation of ARS and is contingent on the availability of funds.

Level of Participation: The appointment is full time.

Citizenship Requirements: This opportunity is available to U.S. citizens only.

ORISE Information: This program, administered by ORAU through its contract with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to manage the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE), was established through an interagency agreement between DOE and ARS. Participants do not become employees of USDA, ARS, DOE or the program administrator, and there are no employment-related benefits. Proof of health insurance is required for participation in this program. Health insurance can be obtained through ORISE.

Questions: Please visit our Program Website. After reading, if you have additional questions about the application process, please email ORISE.ARS.Midwest@orau.org and include the reference code for this opportunity.

Qualifications The qualified candidate should be currently pursuing or have received a master's or doctoral degree in the one of the relevant fields.

Preferred skills:

- Background in and an understanding of soil and/or agricultural research.
- Ability to collaborate effectively in multi-institutional team settings
- Ability to collaborate with and organize farmer groups
- Ability to navigate and contribute to complex team processes, including

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agreements and reporting systems

Stipend $5,250.00 – $6,250.00 Monthly

Point of Contact Michele

Eligibility Requirements

- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
- **Degree:** Master's Degree or Doctoral Degree.
- **Discipline(s):**
  - **Communications and Graphics Design** (1 👁)
  - **Environmental and Marine Sciences** (2 👁)
  - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** (3 👁)