Call for Proposals



The Great Lakes Fishery Commission is now soliciting pre-proposals and pilot project proposals for the 2027 Fishery and Sea Lamprey Research Programs.

Typical funding range: \$35,000 - \$150,000 per year

Who We Are

The Commission's research programs comprise a portfolio of fundamental (discovery, descriptive, or hypothesis-generation) and applied (descriptive or hypothesis-driven) research on invasive sea lamprey control and Great Lakes fishery management. This call for proposals seeks research projects that show potential to make significant contributions in these fields.

Learn more about 2027 funding



Submission

Submit pre-proposals through the online portal.



Evaluation

Relevance to the Commission and information needs identified by the research themes, the Sea Lamprey Control Board, Council of Lake Committees, and Indigenous priorities.



Webinar and Q/A

- Join the webinar on November 21, 2025, at 12:00 PM EST to learn more. Register Here.
- Book a twenty-minute "office hours" session to meet one-on-one with staff and research board members on November 21 and December 4. Book Here.

Other funding opportunities



Program Special Topics

Human Dimensions

Research Themes

- Native Deepwater Fishes
- Physical Processes and Fish Recruitment
- Energy and Nutrient **Dynamics**
- Council of Lake Committees

· Lake Whitefish. Dreissenid mussels, and lower food web change

Fishery

Research

- Indigenous-led research
- **Emerging contaminants**

Sea Lamprey Research **Program**

Research Themes

- Barriers and Trapping
- Lampricides
- Assessment
- Chemosensory **Communication Systems**
- Genetic Control of Sea Lamprey



Special Topics

- Impacts of climate variability on sea lamprey control
- Population level effects of lampricides on non-target organisms
- Improved understanding of granular Bayluscide effectiveness

Timeline

January 15 March 31 Full proposals Pre-proposal & pilot submission solicited

June 1 Full proposal submission

September 30 **Board** recommendation

December Award decision

