

NRSP8 Leadership Update- February 2025

1) Newly elected officers join the leadership team!

With the start of the new year, we welcome a new leadership team for NRSP8. Our chair for 2025-2026 is Molly McCue (Univ. Minnesota). Our 2025-2026 coordinators include: Ted Kalbfleisch, aim 1 (Univ. Kentucky), Cedric Gondro, aim 2 (Michigan St. Univ.), and Yanghua He, aim 3 (Univ. Hawaii) We also welcome three newly elected members to the leadership team: Hasan Khatib, chair elect (Univ. Wisconsin), Wellison Diniz, aim 1 co-coordinator (Auburn Univ.), Wen Huang, aim 2 co-coordinator (Michigan St. Univ.), and Fiona McCarthy, aim 3 co-coordinator (Univ. Arizona). Our coordinators and chair from 2024 will remain on the leadership team through the next annual meeting at PAG in 2026.

2) Upcoming graduate student fellowships supporting NRSP8

An objective of the NRSP8 program is to fund a small number of summer graduate student stipends to develop resources for the NRSP8 community. Be on the lookout for an upcoming request for proposal for students of NRSP8 members.

3) NRSP8 sponsored Genetics/Genomics workshops for beginners and pros (Tentatively: June 6-7 Lincoln, NE)

Be on the lookout for announcement for a workshop being prepared for this summer 2025. The intent of the meeting is to provide training to anyone in the animal science community on genomics applications and to share information about cutting edge technologies and methods. The meeting will have sessions geared towards all skill levels from beginner to advanced.

4) Other items of interest

- NRSP8 is working on identifying community needs and trends in animal genetics teaching, extension programming, and desired training resources. Be on the lookout for requests to provide feedback through short surveys.
- NRSP8's web site, [animalgenome.org](https://www.animalgenome.org), is undergoing an update. Stay tuned for more details.
- The [USDA Animal Genomics RCN](#) and NRSP8 are actively working to develop new resources to support cutting-edge animal breeding, genomics, and phenomics research. Stay tuned for updates and requests for feedback.
- Congratulations to our PAG travel scholarship awardees! For more details, please see: <https://www.animalgenome.org/community/bbs/>

We welcome your feedback at any time. Please [reach out](#) to us with your suggestions on training, molecular tools, software and resources that you believe would help advance the US animal genomics community.

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