



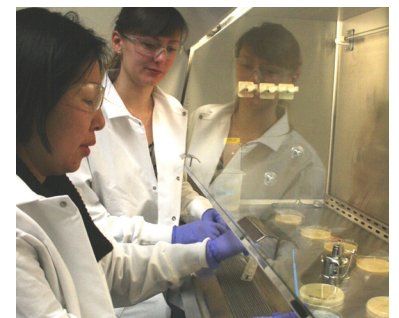
# BIENNIAL BUDGET REQUEST

2018-19

## Advance NRRI Applied Research

### Background

- The Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI) established by the state in 1983, delivers applied research solutions to support the sustainable development of Minnesota’s natural resources
- Applied research aims to solve real world problems. NRRI’s applied research areas include minerals, mining, and water; energy and the environment; and forest products and bioeconomy
- NRRI collaborates with agencies, streamlines business operations, and spurs new businesses
- Each year, NRRI employs over 70 undergraduate and graduate research assistants in solving real-world problems



### Proposal

Provide \$4 million to strengthen NRRI’s applied research activities

- Fund a strategic succession plan to recruit new skills and fill gaps
- Support research project activities and materials
- Grow partnerships between industry and U of M research



### Benefits

- Accelerate innovation and economic development
- Protect Minnesota’s environment
- Increase NRRI’s competitiveness for grants and contracts
- Expand applied research student learning opportunities

### Request

FY18: \$1 million

FY19: \$3 million

**Total: \$4 million**