

**CHAPTER 54-65**  
**CENTERS OF RESEARCH EXCELLENCE**

[Repealed by S.L. 2019, ch. 57, § 5]

**54-65-01. Definitions. (Repealed effective July 1, 2021)**

In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Center" means a center of research excellence that has been designated under this chapter.
2. "Commission" means the centers of excellence commission as defined under chapter 15-69.
3. "Department" means the department of commerce.
4. "Industry cluster" means one of the following industries:
  - a. Advanced manufacturing;
  - b. Energy;
  - c. Information and technology;
  - d. Value-added agriculture; or
  - e. An industry, including the aerospace industry, specifically identified by the department of commerce as an industry that will contribute to the gross state product.
5. "Infrastructure" means new building construction or major building renovation. The term does not include a purchase of equipment or remodel of an existing building.
6. "Research university" means an institution under the control of the state board of higher education which has a full-time student enrollment in excess of nine thousand students.

**54-65-02. Centers of research excellence - Application - Eligibility.**

Repealed by S.L. 2019, ch. 57, §6.

**54-65-03. Use of funds - Terms of funds - Distribution of funds - Postaward monitoring.**

Repealed by S.L. 2019, ch. 57, §6.

**54-65-04. Base realignment grants.**

Repealed by S.L. 2019, ch. 57, §6.

**54-65-05. Centers of research excellence fund - Continuing appropriation.**

Repealed by S.L. 2019, ch. 57, §6.

**54-65-06. Research North Dakota grants. (Repealed effective July 1, 2021)**

The department shall establish and administer a research North Dakota grant program to provide grants to a research university for research, development, and commercialization activities related to a private sector partner. The department shall make grant award determinations under this section. The department shall establish guidelines to qualify for a grant under this section, including the requirement that an application must be accompanied by a partnership agreement between the private sector partner and a research university. The agreement must include details regarding the scope of the work, the budget, the location of the work to be completed, the intellectual property ownership rights, and the intellectual property income distribution. The department may approve changes to the scope of the work or the budget only to the extent that the changes are agreed upon by the private sector partner and the research university. Before the department distributes funds awarded under this section, the research university shall provide the department with detailed documentation of private sector participation and the availability of one dollar of matching funds for each dollar of state funds to be distributed. Matching funds must be in the form of cash and may not include in-kind assets.

**54-65-07. Research North Dakota venture grants. (Repealed effective July 1, 2021)**

The department shall establish and administer a research North Dakota venture grant program to provide grants to a research university for pursuing further commercialization of technology developed by the research university or developed jointly by the research university and a startup or spinoff business operating in North Dakota. The department shall establish guidelines to qualify for a grant under this section.

**54-65-08. Research North Dakota fund - Continuing appropriation. (Repealed effective July 1, 2021)**

The research North Dakota fund is a special fund in the state treasury. All moneys in the research North Dakota fund are appropriated to the department of commerce on a continuing basis for the purpose of implementing and administering the research North Dakota grant program and the research North Dakota venture grant program. Interest earned on moneys in the fund must be credited to the fund.