



Campus Affinity Groups

...Connecting people across colleges, increasing grant participation, building on existing work, improving our university, expanding on shared ideas and new opportunities, involving community, enhancing options for students...

What is an Affinity Group? – Watch a short video

Minnesota State University, Mankato Affinity Groups provide an informal space for faculty, staff, students, administrators, and community members to collaborate around a common interest or topic.

What are the benefits?

University-based Affinity Groups can impact research, program development, grant and contract procurement as well as the professional growth and success of individual members.

What type of commitment is involved?

Meeting frequency is determined by each unique group. Agendas are intentionally set to pursue goals related to research, program development, outreach, or service. External resources are pursued to fund their shared work.

Who can join?

Affinity Groups can include faculty, administrators, staff, students, and community members. Contact Affinity Group Coordinator, Anne Ludvik: anne.ludvik@mnsu.edu; 507-389-1545. Or visit the [Research and Sponsored Programs website](#).

How can I join or start an Affinity Group?

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Affinity Groups Academic Year 2024/2025

Affinity Group Name	Convener(s)*
Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources	Jeremy Geske, Mriganka De
Health and Biomedical Sciences	Kristi Oeding
Engineering, Manufacturing and Technology	Patrick Tebbe
Disability Alliance	Jessica Schoberg/William E. Strong
Artificial Intelligence	Chris Corley, Brian Martensen

* *Conveners volunteer to provide leadership, identify goals, set meeting schedules and agendas, and document group activities.*