

# Midwest Research Computing and Data Consortium



## MW-RCD Newsletter

September 13, 2023

### About the Midwest Research Computing and Data Consortium

Regional stakeholders working collectively in a trusted forum can shape the future by working collectively on topics of mutual interest, by onboarding organizations that find value in the mission of the organization, by sharing information transparently, and by providing opportunities for CI

professional staff members in our organization to contribute, to be mentored, to belong to a cohort, and to become leaders.

[Read more about MW-RCD](#)



### MW-RCD Profile Spotlight: Brock Palen

Brock Palen, Advanced Research Computing (ARC), a division of Information and Technology Services, University of Michigan

Series: Exploring the Landscape of Midwest Research Computing and Data Consortium

This is a series where we're diving into the world of the Midwest Research Computing and Data Consortium, exploring its members, the challenges, and future prospects. We had the opportunity to speak with Brock Palen, Director of Advanced Research Computing at the University of Michigan, who shared his insights on the field.

[Read more here.](#) >

SEPTEMBER

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

CI (CyberInfrastructure) Mentorship Program

**Application Deadline Extended**

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The CI Mentorship program is designed to pair RCD professionals from different institutions with each other. \$250 stipend for participating. The mentor/mentee pair will attend an initial workshop at the beginning of the program and will commit to regular, monthly meetings with each other for each academic year.

### Important dates:

- Mentorship applications open through September 30, 2023
- Mentor/Mentee pairings will be selected in September 2023
- 1 hour workshop in October 2023
- Attend Network Meeting in Q3 2024 (travel funds provided)
- 1st cohort completes in June 2024
- Stipend disbursement in July 2024

[Apply for CI Mentorship Program](#)

2nd TUESDAY

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

DEI Affinity Group

**3pm  
ET**

Meetings are 3 pm ET  
2nd Tuesday of each month

We strive to build an inclusive and equitable culture which will promote and increase diversity. This group is being created to ensure that there is diversity in committees, events (network retreats), and leadership positions.

[Join DEI Affinity Group](#)

**2nd FRIDAY**

**10am  
ET**

**CALL FOR PARTICIPATION**

**Return on CI Investment Affinity Group**

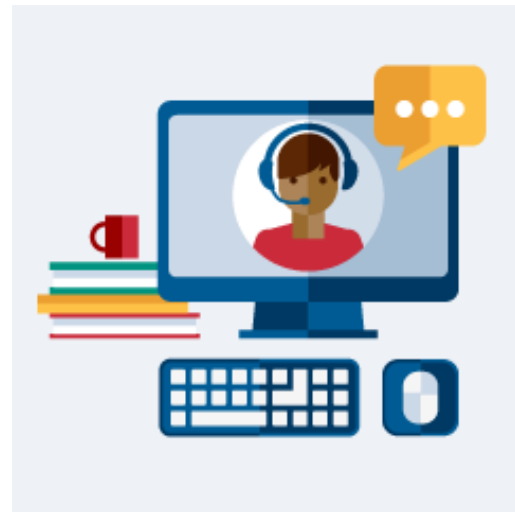
Meetings are 10 am ET  
2nd Friday of each month

This group focuses on approaches to gauging impact as well as quantitative and qualitative measures needed to communicate the benefits of investments in cyberinfrastructure on our campuses.

[Join CI Investment Affinity Group](#)

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## MW-RDC Related Events

To have your MW-RDC related event listed here, [send us the relevant information](#).



**ICICLE**  
Intelligent CyberInfrastructure with  
Computational Learning in the Environment



Weekly DEI Updates

### [ICICLE YouTube Channel](#)

Led by The Ohio State University, the National Science Foundation funded AI institute for Intelligent Cyberinfrastructure with Computational Learning in the Environment (ICICLE) will build the next generation of Cyberinfrastructure to render Artificial Intelligence (AI) more accessible to everyone and drive its further democratization in the larger society.

The widespread adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI) fueling advances in science, education, and commerce has been driven not only by the ability to aggregate data from a wide range of sources, but also by the availability of increasingly powerful Cyberinfrastructure (CI) supporting AI advances. As CI becomes more complex and heterogeneous, end users of the technology

face a bewildering set of choices in applying AI to leverage insightful analytics, modeling complex systems, or enabling automation.

The ICICLE project is funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) under grant number OAC-2112606.



Thursday, November 20 and April 4 • 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. • Online

### [Getting Started with Jetstream2](#)

This workshop targets researchers and educators, even those with no previous cloud computing experience.



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