Congratulations on receiving an invitation to submit a Full Proposal for the RTI University Scholars Program. This document highlights the remaining steps in the application cycle.

As a reminder, the RTI University Scholars Program will prioritize applications for the 2022–2023 academic year from tenured or research-track faculty members at the Associate Professor level or higher with a commitment to collaboration and a research project related to racial and social equity—including climate, economic development, educational, energy, environmental, health, and justice—and policy.

Key Dates for the 2022–2023 Application Cycle

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Applicants who submitted Full Proposals should refer to the Key Dates table on the RTI University Scholars Program page for the official notification date.

The period of performance may begin as early as September 2022.

Support

The RTI University Scholars Program covers half of each selected scholar’s salary and fringe, as well as other direct costs—including, supplies, publications, and other costs.

Please note that RTI does not cover Facilities and Administrative costs. Additionally, the RTI University Scholars Program does not cover the cost of graduate student stipends or tuition; however, students may participate in the RTI Internship Program.

Full Proposal Content and Organization

Full Proposals must be submitted via the online form no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, March 28. Full Proposals must include the following information:

1. Full Proposal Online Form
   a. Applicant Information: Name, university affiliation, email address, and administrative position(s)
   b. Institutional Information: Names and email addresses of the Vice Chancellor/Vice Provost for Research, the Pre- and Post-Award administrators, and any other research administrators
   c. Proposal Details: Proposed project title, project synopsis (200-word maximum) that is appropriate for a broad readership, five theme words, alignment to RTI International’s practice area(s) and/or services and capabilities, proposed RTI collaborator(s), and proposed start and end dates
   d. Proposed Budget: Salary; fringe; fixed health insurance (if applicable); other direct costs (e.g., supplies, publications, and other costs); RTI additional internal support* (if applicable); and budget justification

*RTI additional internal support is intended to provide support for RTI staff’s time by their unit’s overhead.
2. **PDF Upload:** The PDF will be submitted as part of the online form and must include the following items:

   a. **Project Description:** The project description must meet the following requirements:
      i. Not exceed eight pages; a separate Reference page will not count against the page limit.
      ii. Accomplish the following:
         1. Foreground racial and social equity—broadly defined—and policy.
         2. Identify how the proposed research project aligns with RTI’s practice areas and/or services and capabilities.
      iii. Outline the scope, objectives, and measurable deliverables to gauge success throughout the period of performance, as well as the potential for external funding and ongoing collaboration.
      iv. Include enough detail for reviewers to evaluate the proposed activity’s appropriateness and feasibility; not all reviewers will be experts in every proposed field of study. With that in mind, project descriptions should be written for a broad audience.

   b. **Letter of Support from RTI Collaborator(s):** The letter should
      i. Endorse the applicant and project
      ii. Describe the nature of the relationship (new or existing)
      iii. Identify the domain area and field contributions
      iv. Highlight the potential for scientific stature.

**Full Proposal Evaluation**

RTI leaders will review and rank Full Proposals. The University Collaboration Office will provide guidance and oversight during the review process. Full Proposal rankings will be based on the following criteria:

- Impact of the proposed research program on the advancement of racial and social equity—broadly defined—and policy
- Academic qualifications as well as research and publication track record of the applicant
- Degree to which the proposed research project advances scientific stature
- Alignment to RTI’s practice areas and/or services and capabilities
- Synergy among the applicant and the RTI collaborator(s) to enable research of a scope and complexity commensurate with the scale of RTI University Scholars Program support
- Evidence that the proposed research could attract large-scale research support by government agencies, corporations, industrial consortia, or foundations
- Clear description and feasibility of the deliverables and metrics
- Reasonableness of the budget
- Likelihood for long-term sustainability of the research project via extramural funding

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Dr. Hollylynne Lee—Distinguished Professor of Mathematics and Statistics Education at NC State and former RTI University Scholar—gave a presentation entitled Getting Data-Intensive Experiences in Secondary Classrooms: Impacts of Professional Development and the Long and Interesting Road Ahead.