



Research Council Manuscript Review Award

FY 2022-2023 Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a manuscript review award?

The Manuscript Review award reinforces the university's commitment to research and scholarship. Awardees will receive a formal manuscript review plus a three-hour workshop / seminar led by an external senior scholar as the central components of this award. The award also provides up to \$4,000 in honoraria and travel fees for external scholars.

2. Who is eligible to apply?

Full-time, tenure-track Rutgers faculty members at the assistant professor rank qualify for Manuscript Review Awards. Applicants must have a complete (or nearly complete) manuscript at a stage that will benefit substantially from a professional assessment and be endorsed by their department chair and dean.

Prior Manuscript Award winners are not eligible.

3. Are review awards for journal articles available for subvention?

No. This program is solely for the review of scholarly books.

4. Are edited volumes eligible? Are textbooks eligible?

No. Only authored books are eligible. Edited books and textbooks are not eligible for this program.

5. Are self-published books eligible?

No. Self-published books and books for which the publisher requires the author to cover the entire cost of publication are not eligible for this program.

6. Can I apply for a Manuscript Review Award and a Subvention or Research Council Award at the same time?

No, faculty can submit only one application to the Research Council in a given cycle, regardless of that program the application is under.

7. If I receive a manuscript review award in 2022, will I be ineligible to apply for a Research Council Seed Funding Award in the next three cycles?

Faculty members do not receive direct funding for the Manuscript Review Award; the award pays for an external review, including honorarium and travel expenses for the external scholar. Therefore, Rutgers faculty members who receive Manuscript Review Awards are eligible for future Research Council Awards – and need not wait three years to apply for a future award.

8. Is there a page limit for the application?

The limit on the Project Summary is 1000 words.