



Research Council Manuscript Awards

2026 Request for Proposals

OVERVIEW

The Manuscript Review Award is designed to help faculty members publish authoritative, thought-provoking, field-changing books. The award reinforces the university's commitment to research and scholarship. Manuscript Review Workshops are offered to a maximum of six faculty members each year.

A formal manuscript review plus a three-hour workshop / seminar led by an external senior scholar are the central components of this award.

ELIGIBILITY

Full-time tenure-track Rutgers faculty members at the assistant or associate professor rank qualify for Manuscript Review Awards. Prior Manuscript Award winners are not eligible. Applicants must have a complete (or nearly complete) manuscript and be endorsed by their department chair and dean.

MANUSCRIPT REQUIREMENTS

Manuscripts should be at the point of completion where a rigorous peer review by a field specialist will still be helpful to the evolution of the project. Projects for which an author has received an advance contract on a partially or nearly completed draft manuscript would qualify for the award. Projects that are under contract and in an advanced, final manuscript-state would not qualify (the award is not meant to provide a final check of a substantively finished manuscript but is designed to foster substantive discussion and potential revision to make a mature project even stronger).

AWARD AMOUNT

The award provides up to \$4,000 in honoraria and travel fees for external scholars.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications must be submitted via InfoReady. Applications are due in early November.

An application should include the following:

- Project summary (no more than 1,000 words)
- Timeline for completion
- List of possible external reviewers
- Curriculum vitae
- Approval by chair or school dean (letter of support and separate endorsement form)

AWARD CONDITIONS

All Manuscript Awards will be made on the following conditions:

- The book will acknowledge support from the Rutgers University Research Council;
- Publisher or the author will send one copy of the book to the Office of the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. Additionally, an email should be sent to the Research Council Co-Chairs (rcg@oq.rutgers.edu) informing them of the book's publication, with a short description of the book for use on the Research Council website.

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