

Research Council Grants

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who is eligible to apply?

Only full-time members of the Rutgers faculty at the time of application may apply. This designation includes non-tenure-track, tenure-track, and tenured faculty.

The following are NOT eligible to apply: coadjutant appointees, teaching and research assistants, post-doctoral fellows, visiting faculty members, and full-time administrators. Deans of Schools and Colleges, although they hold faculty rank, are considered full-time administrators and are therefore not eligible.

2. Is a postdoctoral associate eligible to apply?

A postdoctoral associate is not eligible for Research Council Grants. The grants are for permanent or potentially permanent faculty, whether tenure track or non-tenure track. Full time tenure track or non-tenure track faculty are eligible. Anyone who is temporary “by definition” is not, which includes “postdoctoral associates.”

3. I received a Research Council Grant in the most recent award cycle, am I eligible to apply?

No, if you received a Research Council Grant (excluding a Subvention) in the most recent award cycle, you are not eligible to apply.

4. Can I apply for a Research Council Grant this cycle, if I received a Biomedical Grant award last cycle?

Yes, you can. The caveat is the project you are requesting funding for via the Research Council grant mechanism must be different from the project you received funding from via the Biomedical mechanism.

5. Can I submit more than one application to be considered for a Research Council grant?

No, the Research Council funds are limited.

6. Is there a funding priority?

Yes, priority is given to tenure-track faculty in their first or second three-year probationary appointment who have not yet been evaluated for tenure, and to proposals from faculty who have not received an award in the past three (3) years.

7. Should I apply for a Busch Biomedical Grant or a Research Council Grant? Apply for a Busch Biomedical Grant if your proposal is intended to enhance biomedical research. For everything else, apply for a Research Council Grant. **Faculty may not apply for both grants during the same cycle.**

8. What is the maximum award amount?

The maximum that you can request for a Research Council Grant is \$5,000.

9. Is there any disadvantage to requesting the maximum amount of \$5000 (provided it's fully justified)?

There's not a disadvantage to asking for the maximum amount, however, it's possible that you will be awarded less than the amount that you are requesting. It depends on the amount of funding available and the number of applications that we receive.

10. Is travel allowed?

Yes, to travel to conferences to present the results of research funded by this Research Council grant. *Please note: travel to conferences or annual meetings for professional societies for other purpose is not eligible for funding.*

11. Can I request to purchase equipment?

Yes, you can request to purchase equipment with Research Council funds, but it must be accompanied by a letter from a Chairperson or Director stating that the equipment is not already available for use.

12. Can grant funds be used for salary?

No, Research Council Grants may not be used for summer salary, salary supplement, or to pay any part of a grant recipient's salary.

13. Could a Research Council Grant be used for a project that currently has partial funding?

You can make an application for a Research Council award to pay for a piece of a larger research project that is not covered by other sources. The application provides room to explain how you are organizing the Project, and how it is being financed. In your application, be specific about the part of the Project that is being carved out for funding by the Research Council.

14. Can I apply for a no-cost extension?

The Research Council operates on a small yearly budget, and no-cost extensions are granted for exigent reason only. Contact Acting Chair, Antoinette Farmer rcg@oq.rutgers.edu.

15. When will award notifications be sent out?

Award notifications will be e-mailed in June.

16. If awarded, when will I have access to the funds?

The applicant agrees to comply with IRB, IACUC and COI requirements as a condition of receiving funding. If the research project involves human or animal subjects, the applicant/recipient must provide proof that they have complied with IRB/IACUC requirements. The recipient must also have entered the appropriate information into the COI website. All funds must be committed by May 1, 2021 and expended by June 30, 2021.