

2027-28 CCRI Faculty Fellowship Program Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

Rhode Island IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence is pleased to announce the **2027-28 RI-INBRE Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) Faculty Fellowship Program (FFP)**. The goal of the RI-INBRE CCRI FFP is to support the CCRI community by providing summer fellowship and grant opportunities to increase teaching, curriculum, and research development for CCRI faculty and students. RI-INBRE will provide funds for CCRI faculty to undertake research and/or educational projects at the University of Rhode Island (URI), Brown University, or other RI-INBRE network institutions in the fields of cancer, neuroscience, and environmental health sciences. This opportunity was designed with the newly ratified CCRI Faculty Association contract in mind, with the mission of providing faculty the opportunity to participate in activities related to teaching effectiveness, professional growth and improvement, and productive scholarship to support their promotion dossier.

CCRI FFP Description: CCRI faculty will work with a faculty peer mentor from URI, Brown, or another RI higher education institution on a research- or education-related project. Faculty may arrange their own mentor or, if applicable, identify a mentor in consultation with RI-INBRE. Neither the exact nature of the project, the mentor, nor the host institution need to be identified during the application process as RI-INBRE will provide support in mentor matching and project development as needed. The project can involve the use of host institution's teaching labs, the mentor's research laboratory, RI-INBRE Core Research facilities, and/or other research and educational facilities at the host institution.

Eligibility: All full-time CCRI faculty with interests that overlap with the RI-INBRE themes (cancer, neuroscience, and environmental health sciences) are encouraged to apply. Given the broad nature of these themes, RI-INBRE funds researchers in a wide variety of biomedical-science related fields, including **biology, chemistry, and engineering**. Faculty from other academic backgrounds are also welcomed to apply. We strongly encourage applications from individuals from underrepresented groups.

The 2027-28 RI-INBRE CCRI Faculty Fellowship Program has **three funding opportunities**, including (1) Summer Research Fellowship, (2) Summer Teaching and Curriculum Development Fellowship, and (3) Equipment Grant for Curriculum Development and Enhancement, as outlined below.

Submission of Application Materials

Applications for the RI-INBRE CCRI Faculty Fellowship programs are due **by 11:59 pm on Friday January 15, 2027**, and can be submitted using the form below.

Application Materials: (See below and the application link for more details)

- Online application: <https://tinyurl.com/2027-28-CCRI-FFP-Application>
- Current curriculum vitae (CV)
- Letter of support from department chair
- Research or teaching interest statement

Contact: For questions, please contact Dr. Brett Pellock, RI-INBRE Program Coordinator at bpellock@providence.edu or Dr. Christine Turenus-Bell, CCRI representative on the RI-INBRE Executive Committee at citurenusbell@ccri.edu.

Summer Research Fellowship

The goal of the Summer Research Fellowship program is to provide faculty a paid mentored research opportunity to gain additional hands-on research experience at a host RI institution, and to utilize the knowledge gained to enrich their teaching and/or professional growth. Faculty will participate in research-related activities for 20 hours/week for 12 weeks in lieu of teaching 6 credit hours during the summer. After the application process, RI-INBRE will consult with CCRI faculty to identify a mentor and research project. Potential outcomes and deliverables of the summer experience may include, but are not limited to, conference presentations, peer-reviewed publication(s), or new knowledge to be used in classroom examples, labs, and teaching modules. Regardless of the production of the deliverables, a final report outlining the research experience and knowledge gained will be due at the end of the summer fellowship program.

Applications should describe 1) An overview of your research background and interests, 2) Potential research areas, departments, mentors, and/or RI institutions you are interested in (if known), and 3) What you would like to gain from the experience.

Funding Period: May 24 – August 16, 2027 (dates are flexible depending on faculty preference)

Award Funding: \$10,000 compensation plus \$1000 for supplies

Summer Teaching and Curriculum Development Fellowship

The goal of the Summer Teaching and Curriculum Development Fellowship program is to provide faculty a paid mentored professional development opportunity to enhance their teaching effectiveness. Potential projects include developing a new course or enhancing the curriculum of a current course, learning new teaching methods to improve teaching effectiveness, developing new classroom or laboratory teaching modules, etc. In this fellowship program, faculty will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience at the host institution's teaching, research, or core laboratories and to potentially identify equipment to purchase for CCRI classrooms or laboratories, as needed for the project. Faculty will participate in teaching and curriculum-related activities for 20 hours/week for 6 or 12 weeks in lieu of teaching 3 or 6 credit hours during the summer. After the application process, RI-INBRE will consult with CCRI faculty to identify potential mentors. Faculty fellows are encouraged to utilize the teaching and learning support of their host institution, such as URI's Advancement of Teaching and Learning. Potential outcomes and deliverables of the summer experience may include, but are not limited to, a new course development and application, new laboratory or classroom module, revamped course syllabi and teaching modality, etc. Regardless of the production of the deliverables, a final report outlining the fellowship experience and knowledge gained will be due at the end of the summer fellowship program.

Applications should describe 1) An overview of your teaching background and interests, including what types of courses you have previously taught at CCRI and beyond, 2) Potential departments, mentors, and/or RI institutions you are interested in working with (if known), 3) A brief overview of the potential teaching/curriculum project you would like to work on. Provide as much detail as necessary to allow RI-INBRE to help in matching you with a mentor, and 4) What you would like to gain from the experience.

Funding Period: May 24 – July 2, 2027, or July 6 – August 16, 2027*

Award Funding: \$5,000 compensation plus \$1000 for supplies

*Faculty with multiple teaching and curriculum project ideas may apply for 12 weeks of funding.

Equipment Grant for Curriculum Development and Enhancement

Funds are available for teaching and laboratory equipment that will enhance student learning opportunities at CCRI. Faculty interested in applying for an equipment grant should prepare a proposal that outlines (1) a brief description of the equipment to be purchased and what the equipment would be used for, including the courses and number of students that will be impacted per year and justification of need for the equipment; (2) quotes for the equipment to be purchased; and (3) a timeline for the integration of the equipment into CCRI curriculum.

Award Funding: Determined in consultation with Brett Pellock, RI-INBRE Program Coordinator

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