

2027-28 PUI Early Career Development (PUI-ECD) Award Request for Letters of Intent (LOIs)

Program Goals and Award

The Rhode Island IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (RI-INBRE) Program is a National Institutes of Health/National Institutes of General Medical Sciences-funded program to develop biomedical research infrastructure development in the State of Rhode Island. One primary goal of the RI-INBRE program is to support the early career development of junior faculty at the Rhode Island primarily undergraduate institutes (PUIs) - Bryant University, Providence College, Rhode Island College, Roger Williams University, Salve Regina University, and Johnson and Wales University. The award provides funding for and requires the training of three summer research students. To meet this goal, the program requests Letters of Intent (LOIs) for PUI ECD awards for research projects beginning on **May 1, 2027**. The ECD mechanism will provide up to **\$100,000** in direct costs per year for two years.

Eligibility

Applicants must be tenure-track assistant or associate professors at the Rhode Island PUIs. Investigators cannot receive simultaneous funding from another NIH/NIGMS IDeA program, e.g. any of the current Rhode Island COBRE awards or the Advance-CTR program. Investigators who have already received or are about to receive multi-year extramural funding as PI are also ineligible to apply. **Note:** we regrettably cannot accept human subjects proposals that require IRB approval this funding cycle. We are actively working to build IDeA capacity to support these proposals in future funding cycles.

Instructions

Please use the 2027-28 Letter of Intent (LOI) form to register your intention to submit a full proposal. Please limit your submission to one page. References (not required for the LOI) do not count toward the page limit. Applicants should use 11pt Arial font and should not modify the RI-INBRE logo or the margins of the form. A font size of 9pt may be used for figure legends. A detailed description of your proposed project is not necessary, but you should provide enough detail that reviewers can evaluate the importance of your question and how your approach will address the question. In your LOI, please describe the following:

- **Proposal Overview:** Briefly describe the rationale for the project, the specific aims of the proposed research, and the approach to be used.
- **Impact:** Briefly describe the potential impact (likelihood the project will exert a sustained, powerful influence on the research field) of this study and how funding would develop the biomedical research infrastructure at your institution and in Rhode Island.

Submission

Submit LOIs at <https://tinyurl.com/RI-INBRE-LOI-2027-28> by 11:59pm **Tuesday September 15, 2026**. Applicants will be notified by **Thursday September 17, 2026** whether they have been invited to submit full proposals. Full proposals will be due by 11:59pm **Wednesday December 2, 2026**.

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