

RI-INBRE Teaching Postdoctoral Fellows (TPF) Program

Program Goals and Award

The goal of the RI-INBRE Teaching Postdoctoral Fellows (TPF) program is to launch the teaching and research careers of talented postdoctoral research fellows, thereby advancing both the teaching and research mission of the Rhode Island Primarily Undergraduate Institutions (PUIs) and contributing to the overall mission of the RI-INBRE program to promote biomedical research infrastructure development in Rhode Island.

The TPF program is a partnership between the RI-INBRE program and the PUI, whereby RI-INBRE will fund up to 50% of the salary and fringe benefits of the TPF for 2 years, with the remaining support coming from the PUI and/or external funding sources.

The TPF is required to be employed full-time at the host PUI with 50% of their effort devoted to research and 50% devoted to teaching. It is anticipated that the TPF will teach 1 to 2 courses per semester, with a maximum teaching load of 6 hours per week during the semester. The TPF will not teach during the summer and devote 100% of their effort during this period to research at the PUI. The TPF appointment will be renewed annually for a maximum of two years, contingent upon research productivity and satisfactory teaching evaluations.

The PUI will be primarily responsible for the promotion of excellence and innovation in teaching and learning for the TPF, through the provision of high-quality teaching courses, workshops, resources, and professional development support. The TPF will also have access to the resources through the Office for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning at the University of Rhode Island.

It is expected that the TPF will contribute significantly to the faculty mentor's research program and play an active role in undergraduate student research training; present their research findings at regional and/or national meetings; publish their research findings in peer-reviewed journals; assist with grant writing; and participate in RI-INBRE program activities and professional training.

Eligibility

To apply for the TPF program, investigators must have **at least two years of available research funding, either from the RI-INBRE program or from another external source**. Tenure-track faculty at all levels are eligible to apply for the TPF program.

Interested investigators are encouraged to coordinate with their RI-INBRE Executive Committee member to determine if their PUI is willing to participate in the TPF program. Eligible faculty investigators will then submit a 1–2-page TPF Training and Mentoring Plan for the postdoctoral fellow. This should describe the research project, courses to be taught and/or developed by the fellow, a description of the institutional support/funding support mechanism for the TPF, and other activities relevant to the fellow's professional development.

TPF applications are considered on a rolling basis. Before preparing an application, please reach out to Brett Pellock (bpellock@providence.edu), RI-INBRE Program Coordinator, to discuss your application. Applications should be submitted by email to bpellock@providence.edu