

RISE Mini-Grant Application FAQs

Who can apply for RISE mini-grant funding?

All individuals within Michigan Medicine.

What topics will be funded through RISE?

RISE invites ALL ideas that transform the way we learn and train in medical or graduate education innovation that have the potential to advance science, health, and healthcare delivery. Based on extensive input from our community, initial priorities during this pilot phase include, but not limited to, ideas that will:

1. facilitate learner creativity and scientific problem-solving;
2. support transitions along the continuum (e.g., pre-candidate to candidate; medical school to residency, etc.)
3. coordinate learning systems and clinical/scientific data across the continuum
4. address key health issues currently facing society, such as:
 - o Health care access (including costs, delivery, or disparities)
 - o High-prevalence health conditions (including obesity, mental health, & chronic pain)
 - o Preventative health care (including vaccinations & ecological issues)

How long can my proposal be?

Your proposal should not exceed 3 pages (12-point font, 1" margins), not including the budget.

How does RISE define “innovation in medical and graduate education?”

We define innovation in medical and graduate education broadly as a multi-stage process whereby individuals translate knowledge and ideas into new and improved educational products, services, or processes for the advancement of science, health, and healthcare delivery. When we think of innovation in medical and graduate education, we have a strong preference for innovations that translate education into better health.

Who is involved in the RISE Mini-Grant selection process?

The core RISE team, along with input from the Advisory Council, will make the final selection decisions.

How much funding can be requested?

A maximum of \$5,000 per proposal can be requested for each proposed innovation.

When will RISE project funding start?

The funding is for 18 months, effective October 1, 2019.

When and how will notifications regarding RISE Mini-Grant selection be made?

All applicants will receive email notification regarding their status late-August.

Can I submit supplementary application materials—beyond what is explicitly required?

Yes. At a minimum, you must complete the requirements of the online application to be considered. However, if you wish to provide additional materials in formats not supported by our online application, please email these directly to (michmedrise@umich.edu with a subject line that includes: *Supplemental RISE Mini-Grant Application Material: Last Name, First Name.*)

What is RISE’s policy on IRB approval?

Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval or exemption is required for any research project involving human participants. Successful applicants have three months from the date of the acceptance to obtain IRB approval if the project involves human participants.

If I am not accepted for a RISE Innovation Mini-Grant, will I receive feedback on my proposal?

Yes.

What can RISE funds be used to cover?

We aim to be as flexible as possible with funding. For example, some of the things these funds can be used for include: incentives, food as part of a training or data-gathering session, external consultants, software, supplies, and student hourly-employee salary. This is not an exhaustive list.

What is excluded from RISE funding?

RISE funds cannot be used to pay for internal training or consulting, food where the sole purpose of the event is to promote dialogue or conversation within the department or unit, conference travel, or regular faculty or staff salary support.

What happens if I don’t use all the funds?

All unused funds must be returned.

If I am awarded a RISE Mini-Grant, how much time will I have to complete my project?

Proposed innovations are expected to be completed within the 18-month award cycle. However, we recognize that, for various reasons, delays may occur. In the event of a project delay, an extension may be requested that includes the reason for the delay and how the issue will be resolved and by the expected date.