



Application FAQs

TOPICS

How does RISE define “health science education innovation”?

We define health science education innovation (HSEI) broadly as a new idea with the potential to change existing approaches in teaching and learning, scale to different areas and learners, and improve practice and health.

What topics has RISE previously supported?

RISE has supported a wide variety of topics. Please visit <https://rise.med.umich.edu/community-of-practice/rise-innovators/> to learn more.

What topics is RISE looking to support?

RISE invites topics seeking to transform the way we learn, teach, and train in health science education. We seek new ideas from across the continuum of health science education that have the potential to advance science, health, and/or healthcare delivery. This includes topics from all health science education disciplines.

APPLICATION

How long can my application be?

Applications should not exceed 2 pages (12-point font, 1” margins). The resume/CV, budget, and letter of support should be submitted as separate documents and do not factor into the 2-page limit.

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

Yes. If you wish to provide *additional* materials in formats not supported by our online submission, please email these directly to michmedrise@umich.edu with a subject line that includes— Supplemental RISE 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. Applicants have three months from the date of the acceptance to obtain IRB approval if the innovation involves human participants.

SELECTION

How will my RISE application be assessed?

All applications will be assessed using the RISE Health Science Education Innovation Application Development Rubric. Interviewers will use the RISE Health Science Education Innovation Competency Development Rubric to assess interviewees.

Who is involved in the RISE selection process?

The RISE Core Team will review applications, conduct interviews, and make final selection decisions.

When and how will notifications regarding the RISE selection be made?

All applicants will receive feedback on their application by July. Top applicants will be invited to interview over the summer with final decisions being made mid-September. Those selected for RISE support will be asked to confirm acceptance, in writing, by early October.

If I am selected as a RISE Innovator, how much time will I have to complete my project?

Innovations are expected to be piloted within the 12-months of the program. However, we recognize that, for various reasons, delays may occur. In the event of a delay, an extension may be requested.

If I am not accepted as a RISE Innovator, will I receive feedback on my application?

Yes, you will receive a narrative summary of the strengths and areas for development as they relate to your proposed innovation.

If I am not accepted as a RISE Innovator, can I still participate in aspects of RISE?

Absolutely! We would love for you to remain engaged with us. By applying for support, you become a member of the RISE Community. This means you will be invited to RISE activities and will be eligible for opportunities such as grant brainstorming sessions, which will offer you innovation networking and much more.

FUNDING

Who can apply for RISE funding?

All Michigan Medicine faculty, staff, and learners (medical or graduate students, residents, fellows, and post-doctoral fellows) are eligible for RISE funding. Individuals can apply for the FTE support if they can modify their position/program requirements to accommodate the required 15% reduction in their employment or education responsibilities. It is the applicant's responsibility to negotiate and secure this approval from their supervisor prior to submitting their application. A letter of support from a person with appropriate oversight for the 15% reduction in other responsibilities is required at the time of application.

Can I apply for support if I am not employed by Michigan Medicine?

Yes. The individuals who are not employed by Michigan Medicine can apply to participate in the Innovation Development Program and receive Innovation Coaching without funding.

How much funding can be requested, in addition to the protected time?

A maximum of \$5,000 per application can be requested.

When will the FTE support and project funding begin?

The FTE support is effective January 1, 2025. If your position does not allow for the 0.15 FTE support, the equivalent of 15% reduction in other responsibilities for staff and learners can also be made to accommodate the effort required. The project funding will also be made available by January 1, 2025.

Can I apply for FTE funding if I already have FTE support for another education project?

Yes, although your innovation must still represent a unique scope that advances the other project. Please contact us at michmedrise@umich.edu to discuss specifics.

What is excluded from RISE project 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 and staff salary support.

What happens if I do not use all the funds?

All unused funds must be returned.