



Fellowship Application FAQs

Who can apply for RISE Fellowship funding?

All Michigan Medicine faculty, staff, and learners are eligible to apply if they are able to modify their position/program requirements to accommodate the 25% reduction in their employment or education responsibilities required to participate as a RISE Fellow. It is the RISE Fellowship applicant's responsibility to negotiate and secure this approval from their supervisor prior to submitting their application. Documented support from appropriate oversight for the 25% reduction in other responsibilities is required at the time of application.

What topics will be funded through RISE?

RISE invites ideas that transform the way we learn and train in health sciences education innovation that have the potential to advance science, health, and/or healthcare delivery. Based on extensive input from our community, our priorities include, but are 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 (but not limited to):
 - Health care access (including costs, delivery, or disparities)
 - High-prevalence health conditions (including obesity, mental health, & chronic pain)
 - Preventative health care (including vaccinations & ecological issues)

Each proposal will be considered based on 1) alignment with the priorities outlined above, 2) promotion of an innovative intervention to change health sciences education on a division/departmental, institutional, or nation-wide level, and 3) potential for impact on health. While funded proposals do not need to meet all of these criteria, at least one criterion must be met and proposals meeting more than one will receive greater consideration for funding.

How long can my proposal be?

Your proposal should not exceed 4 pages (12-point font, 1" margins), not including the budget.

How does RISE define "innovation in health sciences education?"

We define innovation in health sciences education broadly as a multi-stage process whereby individuals translate knowledge and ideas into new and improved education products, services, or processes for the advancement of science, health, and/or healthcare delivery.

Who is involved in the RISE Fellowship selection process?

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

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

A maximum of \$7,500 per proposal can be requested for each proposed innovation.

When will RISE salary and project funding start?

RISE 0.25 FTE support or the equivalent of 25% reduction in other responsibilities for staff and learners in order to accommodate the effort required for this fellowship). Funding is effective October 1, 2020.

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

All applicants will receive email notification regarding their status mid-April. Top applicants will be invited to interview on April 29, 2020 with final decisions being made no later than early June. Those selected for a RISE Fellowship will be asked to confirm acceptance, in writing, by mid-July, 2020. The website will be updated soon after decisions are released to introduce the new RISE Fellows and their education innovations to Michigan Medicine.

Can I apply for the fellowship if I already have FTE support for an education project?

Yes, although the proposed education innovation specifically supported by RISE funding and/or FTE must be separate with unique scope and intended outcomes. Please contact our team at michmedrise@umich.edu if you would like to discuss specifics.

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

Yes. 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. Funded 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 Fellowship, will I receive feedback on my proposal?

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 for a RISE Fellowship, can I still participate in aspects of RISE?

Yes, most definitely! By applying, you become a member of our RISE Community of Practice and will be invited to our RISE Innovation Lab, and be eligible for further opportunities such as grant brainstorming sessions, innovation networking and much more. We would LOVE for you to remain engaged with us.

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 Fellowship, how much time will I have to complete my project?

Proposed innovations are expected to be implemented within the 18-month award cycle. However, we recognize that, for various reasons, delays may occur. In the event of a 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.