



“The negotiations for the first project were lightning fast and no comparison to traditional sponsored research agreements. The IP considerations were very clear from the start. This allows RIT to focus on their interactions with industry, and allows us to get research done with a local partner.”

Ted Farrell
Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics

We Make it Easy to Collaborate

At RIT, we make it easy to collaborate to help you solve specific business problems and research challenges, while providing students with experiential opportunities that prepare them to handle the challenges of the next generation.

When you collaborate with RIT you have access to:

- Over 900 faculty members with practical and theoretical knowledge and applied research experience
- 16,500 students with new ideas and new perspectives
- Cost-effective research and development
- Assistance with technology transfer and commercialization
- Flexible terms for ownership and licensing of Intellectual Property
- State-of-the-art research labs and facilities
- Potential future employees

To encourage collaboration, our research agreements are simple and straightforward. We offer a portfolio of options to facilitate corporate collaborations, including:

- Research Services
- Corporate R&D
- Sponsored Research

Research Services

The Research Services program includes short-term research projects that typically involve evaluation, analysis, training, or consulting services conducted by undergraduates with supervision of faculty or staff. Due to the nature of the research under the Research Services agreement, Intellectual Property is not an expected outcome.

Corporate R&D

In the Corporate R&D program, research projects are led by graduate students and include product development, market analysis, and identifying solutions to a specific company problem. Master’s students primarily conduct the research, with a faculty adviser as the Principal Investigator. Under the Corporate R&D agreement, the company receives ownership of any Intellectual Property, but RIT retains the right to publish and present the research findings.

Sponsored Research

Sponsored Research addresses long-term research goals, which advance a specific field or technology and usually involve Ph.D. students working with faculty. All Intellectual Property developed through the research is owned by RIT and licensed to the sponsor.

Let's Collaborate

RIT offers a portfolio of options to facilitate research collaborations. Together, we can determine the type of agreement based on your research project needs.

	Research Services	Corporate R&D	Sponsored Research
Type of Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing • Analysis • Training • Consulting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solutions to specific company problem • Product development • Market analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New discovery • New applications • Applied research • Federally funded research
Faculty Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited role 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall supervision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal Investigator
Student Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generally undergraduate students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key role • Primarily Master's students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate students, support role • Master's students, possible thesis • Ph.D. students, likely dissertation
Intellectual Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No IP expected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IP possible • Company to own IP, providing all parties agree • RIT retains right to publish, use for education and internal research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IP likely outcome • Owned by RIT and licensed to sponsor • Open to non-exclusive, royalty-free license • Negotiations for exclusive license • RIT retains right to publish, use for education and internal research
Access to labs & facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes
Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short (days/weeks) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-4 academic quarters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determined by project
Pricing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determined by project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed price by quarter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determined by project

Contact Information

We conduct research to advance the body of knowledge, enhance student and faculty learning, and build our reputation in the scientific and technical communities while providing positive returns to our sponsoring partners.

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