

RIT Global Collaborative Faculty Research Grants

I. Eligibility

All full-time faculty at an RIT including all Global locations (Croatia, Dubai, Kosovo) and those in Rochester.

II. Open Call for Proposals

The goal of this program is to foster research collaboration among faculty at RIT's main campus in Rochester and faculty at RIT's Global Locations. Funding will be considered for projects that expand research, scholarship, and collaboration across RIT's global network. Each proposal must include at least one investigator from RIT's Rochester campus and one investigator from RIT Croatia, RIT Dubai, or RIT Kosovo. While not required, proposals that include collaborative participation from faculty across more than one of RIT's international locations are strongly encouraged and will be viewed more favorably in the review process.

The Grant PI of an awarded project will also hold the title of Paul and Francena Miller Chair in International Education for the period of the award. The PI will be awarded a budget which will include course release along with travel and equipment associated with the approved project. Note - the PI is required to account for course-release or summer salary during the approved timeline to support an on-time project completion.

Preference will be given to proposals focused on interdisciplinary research with particular emphasis on the intersection of technology, art, and design with connections to AI, sustainability, data science, and cybersecurity.

Total maximum funding available: \$75,000

Typical award: \$25,000-\$40,000

Total anticipated awards: 2-3

External funding cost-share is encouraged.

III. Grant Schedule & Funding Structure

Proposals Due: October 30, 2026

Decisions Announced: November 30, 2026

Funding Allocation: May vary by project; Expectation to begin Spring of AY26-27 with project completion within an 18-month period.

Final Report: Due 30 days after completion of grant funding

Funding requests must be collaborative in nature across faculty disciplines and campuses. Requests may support the following:

1. Course or partial course release for research time or summer salary support (please discuss adjunct replacement rates with your local administrator for budget development).
2. Faculty travel between the campuses for research purposes.
3. Project equipment, supplies or other resources.
4. Student stipend or student employee funding to support research (must follow the student's home location policies for employment).

Funds should not be used to support conference proposals or travel to conferences. Use of funds must be in compliance with RIT policies, associated Global Location policies and RIT Global office policies. Funding requests should not exceed \$40,000.

IV. Submission Requirements

- Proposal template
- CV or biosketch for the PI and all co-Pis
- Budget
- Letter of endorsement from academic department chair/area head
- Submit all materials to: RGRGBL@rit.edu

Proposal Template

Proposal Title:

Principle Investigator (PI) Name:

PI Home Campus:

Email:

Academic Unit:

Department Chair/Area Head Name:

Co-PIs involved in the project (if any):

Please select the RIT home campuses of all Co-PIs:

RIT China

RIT Croatia

RIT Dubai

RIT Kosovo

RIT Rochester

Budget Download the excel worksheet to calculate your budget. The total shown on this worksheet must match the "Total Funds Requested" below.

Total Funds Requested:

Total Committed Cost-share:

Project Sustainability: Identify specific programs (NSF, NIH, EU, Eurasmusus, etc.) that would support ongoing collaboration and research connected to this project.



Project Description:

