

**PHT180 Call for Proposals**  
**Seed Funding for Promoting Diversity in Healthcare Research**

**Date of Announcement: December 6, 2021**  
**Applications Due: February 14, 2022**

Personalized Healthcare Technology SIRA (PHT180) is pleased to announce a special seed-funding opportunity, supported by the 2021 NIH Award for Enhancing Faculty Gender Diversity awarded to Rochester Institute of Technology.

**Background:** The NIH Prize Competition for Enhancing Faculty Gender Diversity went to institutions that have acted to effect systemic change in gender diversity and equity among faculty members within their biomedical and behavioral science departments, centers or divisions. AdvanceRIT partnered with PHT180 to enter this competition and received the award in 2021. PHT180 is a Signature Interdisciplinary Research Area (SIRA) at RIT focused on creating the future of healthcare through groundbreaking technologies and collaborations. AdvanceRIT's mission is to enable all faculty at RIT, particularly women, to contribute their full potential, to increase their representation and retention, and to advance their careers.

**Program overview:** Proposals responsive to this CFP should meet one of the following criteria:

- Be led by principal investigators (PIs) from groups that are underrepresented in the biomedical, clinical, behavioral and social science which, as defined by NIH, include women, people with disabilities, people from disadvantaged backgrounds<sup>1</sup>, and underrepresented racial and ethnic groups<sup>2</sup>
- Research projects focused on topics related to gender equity, diversity, and health disparity.

**Anticipated award amount:** Up to \$10,000 per award for one year.

**Required Proposal Elements:**

- Project description (5-page not including references): in PDF format including standard proposal elements such as introduction, background, related work, proposed work, and evaluation plan.
- Project summary (1-page)
- High-level budget

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<sup>1</sup> <https://extramural-diversity.nih.gov/diversity-matters/disadvantaged-backgrounds>

<sup>2</sup> <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/glossary.htm#UnderrepresentedGroup>

- Biosketches of the key personnel

**Application Process:** Please submit to [pht180@rit.edu](mailto:pht180@rit.edu) by February 14, 2022. Any questions about the application process can be directed to [pht180@rit.edu](mailto:pht180@rit.edu). Applications will be reviewed in February and March 2022 and notification to awardees will be made in early-to-mid April 2022.

**Terms and Conditions:**

- **Reporting:** Awardees will be expected to submit a report within 60 days of conclusion of the project. The report should include a brief summary of efforts to gain external funding, completed research activities, outcomes, changes, future plans, and summary of expenditure. Awardees will also be expected to present their project outcome at a PI meeting that will be planned after the conclusion of the project. PIs must consent to PHT180 disseminating major outcomes and conclusions via RIT websites and news outlets.
- **External funding:** Awards are expected to lead to future external funding proposals affiliated with PHT180.

**Note:** Under the support by the same NIH Award for Enhancing Faculty Gender Diversity, AdvanceRIT offers [Connect grants](#) that support faculty career success. Proposals that align with this PHT 180 Seed Funding CFP should not be submitted for funding from AdvanceRIT. Please consider the best funding opportunity when submitting your proposal. Proposals submitted to both CFP's will not be considered.

**Primary Point of Contact:** The primary point of contact for PHT180 is Gina Lamanna, Research Administrator for PHT180. The primary point of contact for AdvanceRIT is [advancewomen@rit.edu](mailto:advancewomen@rit.edu). Gina and the AdvanceRIT team will work with awardees post-award to coordinate the financial aspects of each project.