



Information for Applicants: 2016–2017 Academic Year

RTI International is one of the world's leading research institutes, dedicated to improving the human condition by turning knowledge into practice.

The RTI University Scholars Program provides support—half of each Scholar's salary and fringe—for distinguished academic researchers to spend scholarly leave time at RTI, actively collaborating with our experts.

The program's goal is to foster collaboration and catalyze opportunities for externally funded, joint projects in the future.

General Qualifications

The ideal Scholar is an academic faculty member with a commitment to collaboration and a strong research record in one of the following fields:

- Health and pharmaceuticals
- Education and training
- Surveys and statistics
- Advanced technology
- International development
- Economic and social policy
- Energy and the environment
- Laboratory testing and chemical analysis.

2016–2017 Eligibility and Priority Areas

For the 2016–2017 Academic Year, the program is open to faculty from Duke University and the University of North Carolina's sixteen university campuses. Priority areas are as follows:

- Data science
- Education and workforce development
- Energy and resource management
- Food and agriculture
- Health, including non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

Working Environment

RTI provides a stimulating environment for individual and collaborative research. Scholars are expected to serve most of their residency at our headquarters in North Carolina's Research Triangle Park, but may serve a portion of their time in any of our U.S. regional or international offices.

Successful applicants will be provided with a temporary laptop, workspace, RTI email address, and access to IT support, conference rooms, and a reference library.

Selection Criteria

An interdisciplinary panel of RTI staff will review submissions. Major considerations in the evaluation process include the likelihood that the period of residence will result in collaborative work of significance and alignment with RTI's research, mission, and priorities.



Application Process

Applicants should submit the following to RTI_UnivScholarsProg@rti.org by **January 6, 2016**:

- Brief cover letter in the body of the email
- Proposal (PDF attachment) that
 - Describes the proposed collaborative research project (maximum 1,000 words)
 - Identifies the name and title of RTI host researcher
 - Clearly states the proposed duration of the residency.
- Full curriculum vitae (PDF attachment, no limit on length)
- Proposed budget in Excel that explicitly delineates the approximate amount of support requested from RTI (salary, fringe, and any other costs, such as travel, if applicable)
- Letter of support from RTI host researcher
- Letter of support from applicant’s department chair.

Applications should not exceed 8 pages, excluding the applicant’s curriculum vitae.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applicants who are not selected for a given year may reapply in a subsequent year, and Scholars may apply for subsequent residencies.

More Information

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