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Information for Applicants: 2018–2019 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 a tenured or research track faculty member at the Associate Professor level or higher with a commitment to collaboration and a strong research record in a field that is compatible with RTI.

2018–2019 Eligibility and Priority Areas

For the 2018–2019 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
- Environment and resource management
- Food, nutrition, and agriculture
- Global health.

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 workspace, a RTI email address, and access to IT support, conference rooms, and a reference library.

Selection Criteria

An interdisciplinary panel of RTI researchers and administrators 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 upload the following documentation to the online portal, universityscholars.rti.org, by **January 11, 2018**:

- Brief cover letter in the body of the email

- Proposal

  – Describing the proposed collaborative research project (1,000 words maximum)

  – Identifying the name and title of RTI host researcher(s)

  – Clearly stating the proposed duration of the residency.

- Full curriculum vitae (no limit on length)

- Proposed budget that explicitly delineates the approximate amount of support requested from RTI (salary, fringe, and any other costs, such as travel, if applicable) RTI will not cover F&A rates

- Letter of support from RTI host researcher(s)

  - Describing the nature of the relationship (existing or new)

  - Identifying the domain area and field contributions

  - Highlighting the potential for scientific stature.

- 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.

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