

Mini-Grants and Internship Pool

Purpose

- To promote multidisciplinary collaboration by Rutgers faculty, staff and students on Raritan River, basin and bay resource issues
- To facilitate research that:
 - Addresses data needs throughout the Raritan basin and across multiple disciplines that can inform and support advances in planning and policy
 - Is relevant to Raritan region environmental issues/concerns and for scientific/planning/policy merit and the promise of future positive impacts
 - Supports the mission and goals of Rutgers Raritan River Consortium
 - Assists in informing scientists, planners and policy makers in related watershed research, planning, restoration and protection fields
- Proposals that include a strong education component (student support) and those that involve partnership with Raritan stakeholders are encouraged

Mini-grant Parameters

- Eligible applicants include Rutgers faculty, staff and post-doctoral researchers (w/faculty advisor)
- Primary focus areas include
 - Water quality
 - Water quantity/stormwater runoff
 - Habitat and fisheries restoration/enhancement
 - Public access
 - Remediation
 - Climate resilience
- Products / reporting
 - Minimum, write up for *RU on the Raritan* blog and article in SRRRI newsletter
 - Presentation at SRRRI conference
- **Mini-grant Funds** can be used for:
 - Summer and/or student salaries
 - Research assistant support, travel, supplies, or other direct research expenses
 - Mini-grant can be part of larger project but requires mini-grant specific goals, objectives, deliverables and reporting
- **Internship Funds** can be used for:
 - Student salaries *only*

Amounts

- Mini-grant and Internship amounts are \$7,500 each
- Partial funds will be available upon awarding grant with remainder paid upon fulfillment of reporting requirements
- Projects must be completed and funds expended by August 31, 2018

Deadlines

- Email intent to apply by October 13, 2017
- Applications accepted through **November 1, 2017**
- Grants award notification by end of November 2017
- Grant activity period from December 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018
- Documentation due by September 30, 2018

Application requirements

- While there is no specific format, applications should not exceed two pages in length and must include the following information:
 - Title of project
 - Contact information, including brief bios
 - Problem statement linked to Raritan River, basin or bay issues
 - Goals of research/project including how effort will address concern
 - Project budget and timeline
 - Description of proposed final product and planned reporting
- Proposals that demonstrate collaboration with external Raritan stakeholders and/or collaboration between Rutgers schools and programs will be given preferential consideration

For more information

Visit the Rutgers Raritan River web pages at <http://raritan.rutgers.edu/rutgers-and-the-raritan/>

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