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RUTGERS RARITAN RIVER CONSORTIUM OFFERING MINI-GRANTS FOR WORK IN THE RARITAN RIVER, BASIN AND BAY

(New Brunswick, N.J.) Need some seed money? The Rutgers Raritan River Consortium (R3C) is once again offering support for research by faculty, staff and post-doctoral researchers on Raritan River, basin and bay resource issues. The intent of the mini-grant program is to promote multidisciplinary collaboration by Rutgers faculty, staff and students to address water quality, public access, habitat and other sustainability concerns in the Raritan River region. A further purpose of the mini-grants is to encourage Rutgers faculty, staff and students to partner with stakeholders from across the Raritan region to advance cooperative watershed planning for a healthier Raritan.

Rutgers faculty, staff and post-doctoral researchers (with faculty advisor) are eligible to apply. Proposals that demonstrate collaboration with external Raritan stakeholders and/or collaboration between Rutgers schools and programs will be given preferential consideration. Proposals that include a strong education or student engagement component are encouraged. Mini-grants amounts will be for a maximum of \$8,000 each. Mini-grant guidelines and the application template are available at <http://raritan.rutgers.edu/2019-mini-grants/>.

Applications due May 3, 2019. Awarded funds can be expended between date of award (likely mid-May through December 31, 2019). Mini-grant funds can be used for summer salary, student salaries, research assistant support, travel, supplies, or other direct research expenses. Requests for support can be for work that is part of a larger project but require specific goals, objectives, deliverables, and reporting tied to the mini-grant request.

The Rutgers Raritan River Consortium (R3C) is a collaborative effort of Rutgers New Brunswick-Piscataway schools, programs, and departments that have joined together to advance Rutgers' mission to be a better steward of the Raritan River and its environs. The Consortium has two primary goals: to utilize the Raritan River and its environs to inform university-based education, research and scholarship; and to apply Rutgers' efforts, research and programs to

collaborate with other Raritan partners to advance improvements in regional planning, policy and decision-making that positively affect the Raritan region and resources. By facilitating collaboration among Rutgers faculty, staff and students and engaging the greater Raritan community of businesses, municipalities, NGOs and other Raritan stakeholders, the Rutgers Raritan River Consortium will bring the university's resources to bear to address concerns for the Raritan.

To learn more about the Rutgers Raritan River Consortium and the mini-grants program, or the other Rutgers Raritan River Initiatives, visit www.raritan.rutgers.edu or contact Sara Malone at sjmalone@ejb.rutgers.edu.

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