

Request for Abstract Proposals to present at the Spring 2023 Research Ideation Forum on the Future of Learning & Work

Deadline for abstract proposals:

The Office for the Vice Provost (OVPR) invites faculty to participate in its next **Research Ideation Forum on June 13, 2023, from 11AM-5PM**. This event will feature presentation and discussion sessions on new, interdisciplinary team projects related to the Future of Learning & Work. Accepted presenters will have an opportunity to submit for seed funding. **Abstracts are due March 27, 2023, on Infoready.**

What are Research Ideation Forums?

Research Ideation Forums provide a medium for building new research teams that can address interdisciplinary questions. These Forums help teams nurture new project ideas for extramural funding submissions that will sustain their future growth and drive innovative research.

Research Ideation Forums provide faculty teams:

- A venue for gathering peer feedback to improve new research projects.
- Teams briefly present their project idea to an interdisciplinary group of colleagues who join them in a facilitated feedback session as Breakout Rooms.
- Funding strategy consultations to identify a range of public, private, and corporate extramural funding options for the project as it develops.
- Resources to support research teams during the project's planning and proposal development process, such as:
 - Opportunities for Team Seed Grants through the Chancellor-Provost Office.
 - Proposal review sessions with external proposal development consultants organized by the Office of the Vice Provost for Research.

How can I participate?

We seek interdisciplinary research teams who aim to develop large-scale intersecting team projects in the area of the Future of Learning & Work that pertain to policy, condition of workers, types of jobs/work, education, etc. Projects might address, but are not limited to, these and related questions/topics:

- Post COVID-19 Pandemic World of Work
- Telework and Hybrid Work
- The Future of Education
- Social Protection Systems (future working conditions)
- Industrial Relations, Workers' Voice and Representation
- The Impact of Technological Change and ML/AI
- Fissured Employment Relationships
- International Labor Migration
- Occupational Safety and Health in the Future, New Regulatory Approaches, etc.

- Workforce Training and Development
- Employee Mental Health and Psychological Well-being
- Employee Shares Ownership and Profit Sharing
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Inequality/ies
- Working-Age and Aging Population
- Sustainability and Environment (for example, green jobs or the impact of climate change on outside or physical labor, etc.)
- Informal work
- Spatial Organization of Work
- Other Relevant Areas

What are the guidelines?

- Open to full-time faculty at Rutgers-New Brunswick. Partnerships with faculty from other Rutgers campuses are welcome (though the team leader should be from RU-NB).
- Research teams must include at least two faculty representing different disciplines.
- Participation of faculty from multiple departments is strongly encouraged.
- Early career faculty are particularly encouraged to apply.
- Ideas for research projects should aim to expand breadth of Rutgers research capacities and teams should not have secured external funding for this project.

If selected, teams must commit to presenting their ideas at the Research Ideation Forum on the Future of Learning & Work, June 13, 2023, from 11AM-5PM at TBD.

How do I apply?

Interested research teams must submit the following abstract information on InfoReady. All applicants will be notified of decisions the week of April 3, 2023.

- Name, title, and departmental affiliation for the (a) idea leader and (b) additional faculty team members.
- How does your proposed research relate to the Future of Work and Learning? (3 sentence max)
- Describe the team's idea for the proposed research project. (500 words max)
 - What need do you aim to address? And why is this problem significant?
 - How do you plan to address this problem?
 - How is your approach innovative?
 - Why is an interdisciplinary team needed to address this problem?

What can I expect if my team is selected to participate?

- Each team will be expected to:
 - Plan to give a brief presentation on the proposed topic, followed by a panel.
 - Attend the entire forum and work to build new connections with other attendees.
- The OVPR will work with each team to:
 - Identify and invite forum attendees relevant to your proposal.
 - Provide post-forum opportunities to apply for seed internal funding in support of the project's continued development.

Please contact the RU-NB Director for Research Development & Strategy, Dr. Sheila Borges Rajguru, sheila.rajguru@rutgers.edu, with questions.