


 RI

EDUCATION INNOVATION RESEARCH NETWORK

2018 Requests for Proposals

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RI Personalized Learning Initiative

The RI Personalized Learning Initiative supports educators and administrators in the development, piloting, and growth of new models for personalized learning. In 2016 the Rhode Island Office of Innovation, through EduvateRI, produced a white paper offering a vision for personalized learning in Rhode Island. The paper outlines the role that all stakeholders can play in realizing this vision and identifies ongoing initiatives developed to move Rhode Island toward a more personalized education model.

Read the white paper at : bit.ly/RI-PLWhitePaper.pdf

RI Education Innovation Research Network

The Rhode Island Education Innovation Research Network (RI-EIRN), launched in March 2017, to address pressing education challenges locally in Rhode Island, while serving as a model for exploring questions not yet answered by national research efforts. The research network provides Rhode Island scholars and practitioners with opportunities to collaborate on meaningful, rapid-cycle action research that:

- Create deep partnerships between practitioners and researchers;
- Connect research efforts locally and nationally;
- Connect scholars from across disciplines and campuses;
- Showcase findings to stakeholders within six months of project launch;
- Are evaluated for usability by stakeholders.

Current ongoing projects include research teams investigating...

... a subset of middle school classrooms in Rhode Island to identify the core dispositions and attributes of successful implementations of personalized learning across various models.

... the ideal relationship between the mentor and mentee in an education prep program designed to support personalized learning.

The Education Innovation Research Network is a partnership between



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Collaborative Scholar support

The Collaborative and the Rhode Island Office of Innovation are supporting the second round of research projects via a competitive process. Scholars funded through this effort receive project management, editorial, and design support throughout the duration of their research. The Collaborative's editorial team works with scholars to translate research into concise, readable research briefs for a defined audience of stakeholders related to personalized learning. The design team supports scholars in creating rich data visualizations that can easily be shared via print, web, media and social channels. Evaluation surveys track the impact and usability of the research at various points throughout the six month timeline.

Research Project Description

The RI-EIRN is currently soliciting proposals from any and all research-practitioner partnerships looking to expand the state's knowledge of best practices around personalized learning in Rhode Island. Interested individuals must submit a proposal that outlines the following:

1. What is the question you are looking to answer through this research?
2. How is that question immediately relevant and helpful to Rhode Island educators?
3. Why have you chosen this question in particular?
4. Who are the members of the research team, including the practitioners*?
5. How will each team member contribute to the work?
6. What is the research project plan and how will you ensure that the work is able to be completed and showcased within six months of commencement?
7. What data are needed to complete this research project? Of those data, what are already available to you? Of the data that aren't yet accessible, how will you go about gathering or getting access to those data?
8. What is the line-item budget for this research, including a narrative (as needed) of how grant funds would be spent down? *If this grant would be just a component of the funding for a given research project, please note that as well, including sources of additional dollars and overall timeline for larger research project.

* For each team member...

1. Describe your expertise in your subject area and how this experience will contribute to your research agenda or other education related work.
2. Describe your previous experience working on research teams, including any interdisciplinary projects you have undertaken. If you have no prior experience with research teams, please indicate your interest in working on this type of project.
3. Include updated CV or Resume;
4. Short bio (150 words);
5. Bulleted list of relevant collaborative work/project/work samples.

Key Dates

February 1	Request for Proposals Announced
February 12	Proposal Workshop* (<i>optional</i>)
March 1	Proposal Submission Due
March 7	Award Recipients Announced
March 14	First Team Meeting
March 21	Project Plan Due
April 15	Literature Review Due
June 15	Mid-Project Presentation to Stakeholders
August 15	First Draft Due
September 15	Final Report Due

*Proposal Workshop will be held to answer questions on the RFP process, network with other researchers and practitioners to build research teams, and participate in activities designed to craft research proposals to meet RFP requirements. **Workshop will be Mon., Feb. 12, 2-4pm. Location to be determined. Visit collaborativeri.org/EIRN to register.**

Eligibility

This research project is intended to encourage bold, competitive ideas. We seek team members from across disciplines and sectors to devise and implement this research project. Research funding is limited to participants who are affiliated with an institution of higher education and/or an elementary or secondary school located in Rhode Island.

Submission and Review Process

Submissions will be reviewed by a Review Committee, comprised of EduvateRI, the Rhode Island Office of Innovation, and The Collaborative. The committee will select up to two teams to receive award funding to conduct proposed research.

Proposals can be sent to Maeve Donohue at maeve@collaborativeri.org

Award

Up to two research teams will receive grants of up to \$20,000. There is no overhead charge for these grants. Researchers will also work with graphic designers and editors at The Collaborative to create a research brief accompanied by data visualizations that highlight the key findings of their research.

If you have any questions on eligibility or the RFP process, please contact Maeve Donohue at maeve@collaborativeri.org or 401.272.8270.