



Injury Control Research Center for Suicide Prevention

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:

2016 Research Training Institute (RTI): What Works?

Monday, April 18 – Friday, April 22, 2016

Rochester, NY

Application Deadline: January 11th, 2016 at 5:00pm ET.

Note: To support RTI applicants, the ICRC-S is hosting a Community of Practice (CoP) on developing collaborative research projects for suicide prevention. For more information about the CoP, and to view presentations, visit: <http://suicideprevention-icrc-s.org/cop/planning>

Background:

Funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Injury Control Research Center for Suicide Prevention (ICRC-S), is a collaboration between the Center for the Study and Prevention of Suicide at the University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC) and the Center for the Study and Prevention of Injury, Violence and Suicide at Education Development Center. The ICRC-S is dedicated to the study of public health approaches to suicide prevention. Our goal is to draw suicide prevention directly into the domain of public health and injury prevention and link it to complementary approaches to mental health. We emphasize the connections between injury prevention professionals, suicide prevention professionals, and researchers to advance an inclusive approach to suicide prevention. To learn more about the ICRC-S, please visit our website at <http://suicideprevention-icrc-s.org/>.

The Research Training Institute (RTI) is a five-day series of interactive workshops, presentations, mentoring and small group sessions that takes place at the University of Rochester Medical Center in Rochester, NY from Monday, April 18 through Friday, April 22, 2016. The objectives of the RTI are to:

- Provide both violence and injury prevention professionals and suicide researchers with a shared body of knowledge and skills in suicidology, public health and prevention, and relevant research methodologies;
- Create collaborative links between the injury and violence prevention and suicide research communities so that the perspectives, knowledge, and skills of each inform the work of the other; and
- Develop implementation plans for new research projects that will add to the knowledge base for suicide prevention.

To apply for participation in the 2016 RTI, researchers and injury prevention/suicide prevention professionals must develop and submit **one joint application** that demonstrates their willingness and ability to work as partners to pursue new research projects focusing on public health approaches to suicide prevention. The application form appears at the end of this document.

Examples of collaborative research projects include but are not limited to:

- An outcomes evaluation of a suicide prevention program to determine the program's effectiveness;
- A study of the implementation of a suicide risk screening tool in a particular setting or with a specific population;
- An evaluation of effective approaches to reaching high-risk populations with suicide prevention interventions;
- A study of the impact of a suicide prevention course for undergraduate and/or graduate students;
- An analysis of data to identify trends in suicides with regard to means, age group, risk factors, etc.;
- The identification of new and modifiable mechanisms that can be targeted to reduce suicide risk; or
- The development and pilot testing of a community needs assessment.

For those teams accepted into the RTI, participation in ICRC-S activities following the RTI is **required**. The major follow-up activities are:

- Implementation of a collaborative research project focusing on the public health approach to suicide prevention;
- Participation in post-RTI webinars to share your successes and challenges in implementing your research project and learn about the experiences of the other RTI teams as they implement their research projects. These webinars will take place between May and October of 2016
- Participation in post-RTI mentoring conference calls to receive feedback and advice from RTI faculty on the implementation of your research project. These conference calls will take place between May and October of 2016.

Eligibility:

Applicants must form teams which include, at a minimum, one state or community injury control/suicide prevention professional and one researcher. Those two individuals will share leadership responsibilities for the project and are expected to participate in the RTI. They cannot have attended a previous RTI. Funding to support travel, food, and lodging costs is available for these two team members. The researcher must have an MPH, MD, or PhD degree, or equivalent, in a relevant discipline and a commitment to developing a research career with a focus on suicide prevention from a public health perspective. A key component of the RTI is to improve collaboration and coordination between injury prevention/suicide professionals and researchers. We recognize that some form of collaboration may already exist between these groups. Thus, eligible applicants include those with existing collaborative relationships that seek enhancement as well as those without established partnerships on which to build.

The ICRC-S recognizes that additional team members may be necessary to implement the proposed collaborative project. Those members are welcome to join the post-RTI events, and can include past RTI participants. **Space permitting and with the approval of the RTI organizers, these additional team members may attend the RTI at their own expense.**

To accept federal grant support for attendance, applicants must be U.S. citizens or green card holders.

If you have any questions about your team's eligibility, please contact: Rebekah Hunt, Rhunt@edc.org; 617-618-2178

Application: The application appears at the end of this document. Please complete it and e-mail it, along with the necessary supporting documents to: Holly Murphy, RTI Coordinator at holly_murphy@urmc.rochester.edu **January 11th, 2016, 5:00 p.m. ET.**

The application consists of:

1. Team Member pages: includes the names, titles, organizational affiliation, brief biographical information, contact information and signatures of each team member.
2. Team Page: Respond to the following:
 - Complete an on-line form for additional team members who will not attend the RTI.
 - What successes and /or challenges have you had as a team or with other collaborative efforts? OR If this is your first time as a team, what skills do you possess in order to succeed as a team in addressing suicide prevention?
 - What are your team's goals for participating in the RTI?
 - What specific issues does the team want to address during the RTI?
3. Project Abstract: Describe your teams' proposed research project, including aims, approach, significance, timeline, and resources for implementation.

Attachments:

4. CV or resume from each team member.
5. One letter of support for each team member by the applicant's mentor or supervisor explaining the applicant's qualifications and ability to implement the proposed research project, as well as the agency's/institution's commitment to the successful implementation of the research project.
6. If the state injury control or suicide prevention director is not part of your team, a brief letter from him or her expressing their knowledge of your proposed project and how it relates to the goals of the state program is required.

If you need assistance identifying an appropriate partner, either a researcher or a state injury prevention/suicide prevention professional with whom to collaborate, please send a message to: icrc-s@edc.org.

Selection Criteria:

Review of applications will be conducted by ICRC-S faculty and affiliated experts based solely on submitted materials. Participation in the Community of Practice is not a criterion for review. Applications will be judged using the following criteria:

1. The feasibility and rigor of the proposed project and its potential to advance knowledge and practice of suicide prevention.
2. The project demonstrates collaboration between practitioners and researchers.

3. The team members demonstrate commitment to collaboration.
4. The team's commitment to reducing suicide using a public health approach to suicide prevention.
5. The team's commitment to involving communities in decision-making about the project.
6. The team's ability to successfully implement the proposed research project.
7. The state injury control or suicide prevention director's knowledge of and commitment to the proposed project.

Deadline:

Application materials should be submitted as pdf file to Holly Murphy, RTI Coordinator, at holly_murphy@urmc.rochester.edu by **January 11th, 2016, 5:00 p.m. ET**. In February of 2016, you will be notified via email about whether funding is available to support your attendance.

Questions:

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Please contact Rebekah Hunt, ICRC-S Training and Technical Assistance Associate if you have any additional questions: Rhunt@edc.org; 617-618-2178

Feel free to forward this call for applications to any others you believe may be interested.

**Please complete the following form and e-mail it, along with supporting documents, to: Holly Murphy, RTI Coordinator:
holly_murphy@urmc.rochester.edu
by January 11th, 2016 5:00pm ET**

Project Title: _____

Team Member 1: Researcher Lead

Name: _____ **Credentials:** _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ **E-mail address:** _____

Is this person a U.S. citizen or green card holder? Yes No

Please check the relevant box to indicate that these documents are attached to your application:

CV or Resume

Letter of support from this person’s mentor or supervisor explaining their qualifications and ability to implement the proposed research project, as well as the agency’s/institution’s commitment to the successful implementation of the research project.

Briefly describe this person’s relevant skills, knowledge, career goals and experience. Limit your response to 1,500 characters.

By signing below, the individual commits to attend the in-person RTI if their application is accepted. Please contact the ICRC-S with any questions.

Signature: _____

Team Member 2: Injury, Violence, or Suicide Prevention Practitioner Lead

Name: _____ Credentials: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Is this person a U.S. citizen or green card holder? Yes No

Please check the relevant box to indicate that these documents are attached to the application:

CV or Resume

Letter of support from this person’s mentor or supervisor explaining their qualifications and ability to implement the proposed research project, as well as the agency’s/institution’s commitment to the successful implementation of the research project.

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Signature: _____

About Your Team

- To provide information about additional team members, please follow this link and fill out the form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CG3N8Q6>.
- Is the state injury, violence, or suicide prevention director part of your team? Yes No

IF NOT: attach a brief letter to the submission e-mail from him/her expressing their knowledge of your proposed project and how it relates to the goals of the state program.

- What successes and /or challenges have you had as a team or with other collaborative efforts? OR If this is your first time as a team, what skills do you possess in order to succeed as a team in addressing suicide prevention? Limit your response to 2,000 characters.

- **What are your team's goals for participating in the RTI? Limit your response to 2,000 characters.**

- **What specific issues does the team want to address during the RTI? Limit your response to 2,000 characters.**

Abstract

- Describe your team's proposed research project, including aims, approach, significance, timeline, and resources for implementation. Limit your response to 5,000 characters.

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