



## Injury Control Research Center for Suicide Prevention

### **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: 2018 Research Training Institute (RTI) Monday, May 7 – Friday, May 11 2018 Rochester, NY**

**Application Deadline: Friday, January 12, 2018 at 5:00pm ET.**

**Note:** To support applicants in the design of their project and with the submission process, the ICRC-S is hosting a Community of Practice (CoP). For more information about the CoP and to view upcoming and past presentations, visit: <http://suicideprevention-icrc-s.org/rticop1718>

#### **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 Injury, Violence, and Suicide Prevention Portfolio 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 through collaborative study of:

- The epidemiology of suicidal ideation and behavior
- Risk and protective factors, including “upstream” determinants of suicide
- Mechanisms by which suicidal behavior occurs in a public health context
- Interventions development and testing, emphasizing a public health and community-partnered approach
- Systematic evaluation of preventive intervention initiatives at the individual, dyadic, clinical, service system, and community levels
- Examination of suicide prevention in the context of state and local core public health activities aimed at preventing or mitigating risk-related injuries, such as injury from violence or trauma to the brain.

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, May 7 through Friday, May 11, 2018. 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 collaborative research projects that will add to the knowledge base for suicide prevention.

To apply for participation in the 2018 RTI, teams comprised of researchers and state 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.** We welcome research projects that explore the socio-ecological model of suicide prevention, considering the interplay between individual, relationship, community, and societal factors. Examples of research foci of special interest include, but are not limited to:

- Prevention of suicide and suicide attempts in the middle years
- Intimate partner violence as a contextual contributor to suicidal behaviors and deaths
- The relationship of substance misuse and suicide
- Utilization of clinical and administrative data to support planning and testing of prevention initiatives
- Development of innovative approaches to integration of service systems across traditional boundaries to support suicide prevention programming
- Use of systems science methods to understand risk for suicide and related outcomes in community or service system contexts

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 telementoring webinars will begin in June of 2018.
- Submission of a blog-post regarding your project, to be posted on the ICRC-S website.

### **Eligibility:**

A key component of the RTI is to improve collaboration and coordination between injury prevention/suicide professional and research practices. Applicants must form teams that 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 jointly in the RTI. 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 researcher must:

- have an MPH, MD, or PhD degree, an equivalency or be advanced in the process of pursuing one of those degrees, in a relevant discipline
- be committed to developing a career with a focus on suicide prevention from a public health perspective

The state or community injury control/suicide prevention professional should:

- have experience with public health approaches to injury control
- demonstrate a link to stakeholder organizations, agencies or individuals positioned to sponsor suicide prevention programming

Both the researcher and injury control professional must be committed to:

- conducting sustained, programmatic research on suicide prevention in a public health context
- strengthening the connection between suicide prevention research and practice
- seeking to enhance capacity to achieve public health goals within a community

Funding to support travel, food, and lodging costs is available for these two team members. Individuals or teams that have attended the RTI in past years are eligible to apply if a new project or significant extension of previous work is proposed.

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: Cindy Rodgers at [CRodgers@edc.org](mailto:CRodgers@edc.org).

**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](mailto:holly_murphy@urmc.rochester.edu) by: **January 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. ET.**

**The application consists of:**

1. Team Member Information: asks for the names, titles, organizational affiliation, brief biographical information, contact information and signatures of each team member. If you are considering sending additional team members to the RTI, please complete this online form about those members : <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RWFPH7S>
2. Team Description: Respond to the following:

- 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 team's proposed research project, including aims, approach, significance, and timeline. Please also describe the resources that are required for research implementation and note those that you currently have available for conducting this work.

*Attachments:*

4. CV or resume from each team member.
5. 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 and support for 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.

**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 prior to submission of an application 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 potential sustainability of the team and/or the proposed project's impacts.
8. The state injury control or suicide prevention director's knowledge of and commitment to the proposed project.

**Deadline:**

Application materials should be submitted as a pdf file to Holly Murphy, RTI Coordinator, at [holly\\_murphy@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:holly_murphy@urmc.rochester.edu) by **Friday, January 12, 2018, 5:00 p.m. ET**. In February of 2018, you will be notified via email about whether funding is available to support your attendance.

**Questions:**

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 register for or view the presentations, visit: <http://suicideprevention-icrc-s.org/rticop1718>

Please contact Cindy Rodgers, ICRC-S Training and Technical Assistance Associate if you have any additional questions: [CRodgers@edc.org](mailto:CRodgers@edc.org).

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

**Please complete the following form and e-mail it, along with supporting documents, to: Holly Murphy, RTI Coordinator:  
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Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. Team Member Information

### 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Additional Team Members and Information

- To provide information about additional team members, please follow this link and fill out the form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RWFP7S>.

- 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.*



## **2.TEAM DESCRIPTION**

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.**

### **3.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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