

2026 RD Scholars: Summer Grant Writing Workshop

This application will take approximately 30-60 minutes to complete. You may view a copy of the entire application by visiting the RD Scholars website (<https://www.usm.edu/research-administration/grant_writing_workshop.php>) before completing the online form. To properly complete this application, first do the following:

1. Identify a funding opportunity with a deadline prior to the end of Spring Semester 2027
2. Discuss your participation in RD Scholars with your Associate Dean for Research and secure a required reference letter
3. Review your summer 2026 plans to ensure you can successfully complete the grant writing workshop
4. Retrieve a recent writing sample.
5. Refer to the workshop schedule. <https://www.usm.edu/research-administration/grant_writing_workshop.php>

Application Deadline: April 22, 2026, 11:59 p.m. CST

Note: Faculty who participated in the RD Scholars program in 2025 are not eligible to apply.

* Required

1. First & Last Name *

2. USM email address *

3. USM phone number *

4. Mobile phone number *

5. Faculty rank at beginning of AY 2026-27 *

6. College *

CBED

CEHS

CNHP

COAS

7. School *

Funding Opportunity

Please share as many details as possible about your identified funding opportunity. You may leave fields blank if the information is unknown.

8. I have identified a funding opportunity.

If you need assistance finding a funding opportunity, please contact ORSD-RDTE@usm.edu IMMEDIATELY. *

Yes

No

9. Sponsor name *

10. Program name *

11. Web link to request for proposal (RFP) or Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Alternatively, you may upload the RFP/NOFO in the question below.

12. Upload the RFP/NOFO here

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13. Proposal deadline *

14. Allowed budget (minimum - maximum) *

15. Facilities and administration rate (F&A)

16. Program officer name(s) and contact information

17. Other important information (e.g., unique proposal requirements) we should know about

18. Upon acceptance to RD Scholars, I commit to contact a program officer prior to the start of the program on June 1. This may include emailing the program officer, attending a program webinar, or any other appropriate means of contact. We will coach you through this process upon acceptance to RD Scholars. *

Yes

Tell Us About Yourself

19. Why do you wish to participate in the RD Scholars Summer Grant Writing Workshop? (max word count: 500 words)

20. Please tell us about your prior grant experience, including number of proposals, sponsors you have submitted proposals to, and your most recent grant proposal. If you have little or no grant experience, describe your scholarly activity up until now. (max word count: 750 words)

21. Share your career goals related to grants and research. (max word count: 500 words)

Summer Workload

22. I have reviewed my summer calendar to ensure I successfully complete the Summer Grant Writing Workshop. *

Yes

23. I commit to attend periods of instruction on Microsoft Teams from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. CDT each Monday from June 1-July 6. *

Yes

24. I commit to meet with a peer-partner for one hour on approximately each Friday each week between June 1-July 10, 2026. *

Yes

25. I commit to RD Scholars for 10 hours per week between June 1-July 10, 2026. *

Yes

Other Information

26. I commit to contacting RDTE (orsd-rdte@usm.edu) if at any point I am considering changing the proposal that I am developing. *

Yes

27. I have discussed my participation in RD Scholars with my Associate Dean for Research and received a signed reference letter using the template available on the RD Scholars webpage. I have uploaded the signed reference letter below.

<https://www.usm.edu/research-administration/grant_writing_workshop.php> *

Yes

28. Please upload the files to be reviewed as part of your application:

- Writing sample (previous grant proposal preferred, a journal article is allowed if you have not submitted a proposal previously)
- Reference letter from your Associate Dean for Research

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Application Next Steps

Thank you for applying to the 2026 RD Scholars Summer Grant Writing Workshop. You should receive a notification about your application's outcome by May 1, 2026.

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