

Application Deadlines

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Core Research Grants ([Core Programs](#) and [Special Initiatives](#))

Funding Guidelines for July 16, 2025 Deadline

RSF will accept letters of inquiry (LOIs) under the core programs for [Future of Work \(FOW\)](#) and [Social, Political and Economic Inequality \(SPEI\)](#). The foundation will also accept LOIs under its special initiatives on [Implications of the 2023 Supreme Court Decision to Ban Race-Conscious Admissions at Colleges and Universities for Educational Attainment and Economic Mobility](#).

LOIs must include specific information about the proposed data and research design. After peer review, about 15% of those who submit an LOI will receive an invitation to submit a proposal. If you are unsure about the foundation's expectations, we strongly recommend that you review the [grant writing guidelines](#) on our website and also view an instructional webinar.

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***ALL applications (LOIs & Proposals) are due by 2pm ET/11am PT**

Letter of Inquiry Deadline	Invited Proposal Deadline	Funding Decision	Grant Start Date (on/after)
Mar 11, 2025 (BSDMC, REI, III, SCD23)	Jun 17, 2025	Nov 2025	Jan 1, 2026
July 16, 2025 (SPEI, FOW, SCD23)	Oct 27, 2025	Mar 2026	May 1, 2026
Oct 29, 2025 (BSDMC, REI, III, SCD23)	Feb 18, 2026	Jun 2026	Sept 1, 2026
Mar 11, 2026 (SPEI, FOW, SCD23)	Jun 22, 2026	Nov 2026	Jan 1, 2027

Before applying, review our Budget and Eligibility requirements

- [Submit a Letter of Inquiry \(LOI\) or Proposal](#)
- [See information on Research Grants](#)

Pipeline Grants Competition

The next deadline is Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

Note: Applicants can apply for either the Pipeline Grants Competition or the October LOI deadline, but not both.

- [See information on the Pipeline Grants Competition](#)

Dissertation Research Grants

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