

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 [Promoting Educational Attainment and Economic Mobility among Racially, Ethnically, and Economically Diverse Groups after the 2023 Supreme Court Decision to Ban Race-Conscious Admissions at Colleges and Universities \(SCD23\)](#).

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.

***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)
Oct 29, 2024 (SPEI, FOW, SCD23)	Feb 19, 2025	Jun 2025	Sept 1, 2025
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)	Feb 18, 2026	Jun 2026	Sept 1, 2026

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 expected to be in October 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

The next deadline is expected to be in February 2026

- [See information about Dissertation Research Grants](#)

Causal Research on the Criminal Justice System

The next deadline is 2 pm ET on April 3, 2025

- See information about the program on [Causal Research on the Criminal Justice System](#)

Fellowships ([Visiting Scholars](#), [Visiting Journalists](#), [Visiting Researchers](#))

Visiting Scholars

Year in Residence	Application Deadline	Decision
2026-2027	June 25, 2025 (2pm ET)	December 2025

- [Submit a Visiting Scholar Application](#)
- [See information on Visiting Scholars](#)

Visiting Journalists & Visiting Researchers

Only Visiting Researcher applications will be considered for the May 6, 2025 deadline. The Foundation will not be accepting Visiting Journalist applications in 2025.

For Residency Between	Application Deadline	Decision
September 2025 - June 2026	May 6, 2025 (2pm ET)	June 2025

- [Submit a Visiting Researcher Application](#)
- [See information on Visiting Journalists](#)
- [See information on Visiting Researchers](#)

Summer Institutes

- [See information on RSF Summer Institutes](#)

RSF Journal

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