

Intro/Basic Info

2026 Rutgers Climate and Energy Institute's Groundwork Grants Program Online Submission Form

Please answer all questions. Refer to the specific proposal guidelines on the [RCEI Groundwork Grants webpage](#) when preparing your proposal. You will be asked to upload your documents at the end of the online application before submission.

Note, to be eligible for an RCEI Groundwork Grant, the Principal Investigator must be an affiliate of Rutgers Climate and Energy Institute. For any inquires regarding this or if you have any difficulty with the online application, please contact us at rcei_contact@rutgers.edu.

Proposal Title

Total funding request (not including any in-kind or other financial support, if applicable). Note the maximum request per award for 2026 is \$15,000.

Will your project include any in-kind or other financial support in the budget?

- No
- Yes, the following amount will be contributed by my department/school/unit, or by other sources, as financial or in-kind support:

Please affirm that, if awarded an RCEI Groundwork Grant, you acknowledge RCEI in any publications or presentations that were facilitated through this funding.

- I affirm to acknowledge RCEI in any publications or presentations that were facilitated through this funding, if I am awarded an RCEI Groundwork Grant.

Please specify any external funding opportunities to which you might submit a proposal.

Please specify any likely outside partners.

PI Info

Principal Investigator Information

This will be the primary contact information used for this application. Co-Principal Investigators can be added by selecting yes to the question at the bottom of this page.

Full Name

School

Department/Unit

Email address

Principal Investigator Tenure Status

- Tenured
- Tenured-track
- Non-tenured track
- Research Staff
- Other

Are you an affiliate of the Rutgers Climate and Energy Institute (RCEI)?

- Yes
- No

Is there a Co-PI?

- Yes
- No

Co-PI Info

Co-Principal Investigator Information

Full Name

School

Department/Unit

Email address

Co-Principal Investigator Tenure Status

- Tenured
- Tenured-track

- Non-tenured Track
- Research Staff
- Other

Is there an additional Co-PI?

- Yes
- No

2nd Co-PI info

Additional Co-Principal Investigator Information

Full Name

School

Department/Unit

Email address

Additional Co-Principal Investigator Tenure Status

- Tenured
- Tenured-track
- Non-tenured Track
- Research Staff
- Other

Cover Sheet Upload

Upload your fully-signed coversheet here. The [coversheet template](#) can be downloaded from the RCEI Groundwork Grants webpage. (Note that you cannot upload a document that is open on your desktop. Close the document before uploading.) Non-tenured track faculty must also attach a letter from their Dean, Chair, or Director to the coversheet stating support for the proposal and that it is expected that the applicant is in a position which will be renewed for the duration of the grant period. Please combine the coversheet and support letter into one document.

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Proposal Document Uploads

Project description (2 pages maximum excluding references). Make sure to follow the requirements described in the RCEI Groundwork Grants website under Submission Process.

Detailed budget narrative. Please use the RCEI Groundwork Grants [Budget Narrative Template](#).

2-page CV for Principal Investigator and Co-PI(s) (if applicable; each CV 2-pages). Please combine all CVs into one document for upload.

After clicking Submit, you will have completed the application.

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