

Technology Development Fund (TDF) Call for Pre-Proposal Applications - Summer 2026

Dear Applicant,

The University of Rochester's Technology Development Fund (TDF) will be accepting Pre-Proposal Applications for its 24th round of funding starting June 1, 2026. The fund supports University researchers who wish to further the process of translating their research into commercial opportunities. Awards can range from \$40,000 to \$100,000 to support projects of approximately one year in duration. Please see the FAQs on the main TDF page for more information.

The deadline for submitting pre-proposal applications for funding consideration this cycle is June 30, 2026.

PRE-PROPOSAL APPLICATION FORM

UR Principal Investigator * response required	
Related UR Ventures Submitted Technology The invention must be disclosed to UR Ventures and must be properly assigned to UR prior to submission of an application. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Have you already filed an Invention Disclosure with UR Ventures related to the subject technology?- Will the invention be assigned to UR? * response required	
Associated UR Ventures Invention Disclosure Number for This Application --If you don't know the number of the already submitted invention disclosure, please contact UR Ventures at URVenturesInfo@urmc.rochester.edu	
Your School * response required	
Your Department * response required	

<p>Email Address</p> <p>* response required</p>	
<p>Phone</p> <p>* response required</p>	
<p>Your Position</p> <p>* response required</p>	
<p>Have TDF funds been received previously for the same or similar project? If you answer “Yes”: what was accomplished with the funds, what is the current status of the technology, and how is the new proposal distinct from the previous funded project?”</p> <p>* response required</p>	<p>600 max characters</p>
<p>Royalty Sharing Policy: In order to ensure that the Fund is evergreen, the Project’s researchers and inventors will be required to share revenue on (a) existing intellectual property identified in the Project, and (b) new intellectual property which arises out of the Project. Twenty-five percent (25%) of all revenues, net of patent and legal fees, received by the University from the licensing of the technology will be paid into the Fund until three times the amount of the Fund Award has been repaid. This payment will be considered an out-of-pocket cost of licensing the intellectual property and will be applied against the incoming revenues in the same manner as are patent and legal fees under current University Policy on Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer. All project personnel will be required to agree to this royalty sharing provision for funding to be released. Answer “YES” if you have read and agree to follow this policy.</p> <p>* response required</p>	
<p>Proposal Title</p> <p>* response required</p>	<p>120 max characters</p>
<p>Amount of Funding Requested (\$100,000 maximum funding amount)</p> <p>* response required</p>	

<p>Background Briefly describe your recent research, the problem that you are solving, and the benefits of your proposed solution. How is this innovation differentiated from commercially available technologies? What is the competitive landscape (including technologies in development that are not yet commercial)? What is the estimated market potential?</p> <p>* response required</p>	<p>3500 max characters</p>
<p>Proposed Research Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefly outline the goals and objectives for the proposed TDF project, as well as the amount of award requested (\$100,000 maximum). Include a short list of budget items for which this funding will be used. • Briefly outline your project timeline. • Briefly describe the post project plan. What is your strategy for post-project commercialization? Outline the estimated resources it might take to either obtain additional developmental funding or launch your product into the marketplace. <p>* response required</p>	<p>3500 max characters</p>
<p>Investigator and other Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List all principals involved and your collaborators • List all sources of current funding • List whether you require resources outside the university to achieve the proposed project goals (e.g. prototyping or service providers) <p>* response required</p>	<p>1600 max characters</p>
<p>References (1 to 5) List relevant references (up to 5) including the Invention Disclosure information</p> <p>* response required</p>	<p>800 max characters</p>