



The University of Rhode Island (URI) was awarded the Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN) grant by the National Institutes of Health in 2001. In 2004 and again in 2009, this program, renamed IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE), was competitively renewed for 5 years. The current award, which will end in 2014, is for over \$42 million. Of this, \$32 million have already been received over the past 10 years. The current participants in the Program include URI, Brown University, Providence College, Rhode Island College, Roger Williams University, Salve Regina University, Bryant University, and the Community College of Rhode Island. The Program supports research in areas such as, cancer, neurological disorders, infectious diseases, and autistic behavior. The overall goal is to enhance the biomedical and behavioral research capacity by supporting new faculty hires, laboratory renovations, equipment purchases, research project support, mentoring, student training, seminars, workshops, and access to a centralized equipment facility.

Major Impacts of the RI-INBRE Program (10 Years)

- Fostered collaboration between research intensive and undergraduate institutions.
- Helped research become an essential component of undergraduate education.
- Active participation by 124 junior and senior faculty from the Network institutions.
- Significant research support to 32 junior faculty.
- Supported 20 new faculty hires.
- Supported 25-30 research projects each year.
- Free access for researchers to a \$3.5-million dollar centralized research equipment facility.
- Nearly \$2 million for research equipment purchases at undergraduate institutions.
- 150 undergraduate students/year received research experience in faculty laboratories.
- Trainees pursue graduate studies and careers in the biomedical and behavioral sciences.
- In state collaboration with EPSCoR and COBRE programs.
- Regional collaboration with the Northeast Cyberinfrastructure Consortium.
- Broad band connectivity to enhance research collaboration.
- Nearly 1,000 presentations at scientific meetings.
- Over 250 published research articles.
- Over \$21 million in new research grants.