

2026 RTI Schedule and Dates (May 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027)

The first eleven modules (modules 1-11) are offered weekly during the summer and provide core curriculum to help prepare you for your research. The next seven modules (12-20) are offered monthly (approximately), and correspond with the later steps in the research process. All modules are held on zoom unless otherwise noted.

Date/Time (Central Time)	Modules	Faculty
April 20 - May 1, 2026	Pre-Assessment Survey	
Monday, May 4, 2026	Pre-core foundations work (online) & (0) Literature Searching (online)	
Tuesday, June 2, 2026 1:00 PM [1 hr]	(1) Welcome	RTI Team & Guests
Thursday, June 4, 2026 1:00 PM [1.5 hr]	Mentor group meetings #1	RTI Faculty/Team
Tuesday, June 9, 2026 1:00 PM [1.5 hr]	(2) Conducting Research, Research Question & Plan	Nina Exner
Tuesday, June 16, 2026 1:00 PM [1.5 hr]	(3) Theoretical Frameworks	Nina Exner
Tuesday, June 23, 2025 1:00 PM [1.5 hr]	(4) Research Design & Methods	Ann Medaille
Tuesday, June 30, 2026 1:00 PM [1 hr]	(5) Surveys	Mark MacEachern
Tuesday, July 7, 2026 1:00pm [1.5 hr]	(6) Survey Validation (RTI webinar)	Mark MacEachern
Tuesday, July 14, 2026 1:00 PM [1 hr]	(7) Quantitative Analysis	Nina Exner & Caitlin Bakker
Tuesday, July 21, 2026 1:00 PM [1 hr]	(8) Qualitative Methods & Interviews	Emily Vardell
*Thursday, July 23, 2026 1:00 PM [1 hr]	(9) Focus Groups	Emily Vardell
Tuesday, July 28, 2026 1:00 PM [1.5 hrs]	(10) Qualitative Analysis & Content Analysis	Emily Vardell
Tuesday, August 4, 2026 1:00 PM [1.5 hrs]	(11) Evidence Syntheses & Next Steps	Mark MacEachern
Tuesday, August 11, 2026	Research Question & Plan Report Due	
Tuesday, August 20, 2026 1:00 PM [1.5 hrs]	Mentor group meetings #2	RTI Faculty/Team
August 2027 [TBD]	Post-Assessment Survey & Summer Core Modules Evaluation	
Tuesday, August 25, 2026	Report Revisions Due	
Tuesday, September 8, 2026 1:00 PM [1 hr]	(12) Research Ethics & IRB	Nina Exner & Peer Coaches
Tuesday, September 22, 2026 1:00 PM [1.5 hr]	(13) Research Reproducibility	Melissa Rethlefsen
Tuesday, October 6, 2026 1:00 PM [1 hr]	(14) Research Data Management	Nina Exner
Thursday, October 8, 2026 1:00 PM [1.5 hr]	Mentor group meetings #3	RTI Faculty/Team
Tuesday, October 20, 2026 1:00 PM [1.5 hr]	(15) Data Analysis & Statistics	Caitlin Bakker
Tuesday, October 27, 2026 1:00 PM [1.5 hr]	Statistical Practice Session (optional)	Nina Exner
Tuesday, November 10, 2026 1:00 PM [1.5 hr]	(16) Use of AI in Research (RTI webinar)	Alex Carroll
Tuesday, January 5, 2027	Midpoint Research Project Report Due	
Thursday, January 21, 2027 1:00 PM [1.5 hrs]	Scheduled Individual Meetings	RTI Faculty/Team
Tuesday, February 2, 2027 1:00 PM [1.5 hr]	(17) Poster Design & Data Visualization	Emily Vardell & Karen Gutzman
Tuesday, March 2, 2027 1:00 PM [1 hr]	(18) Writing a Journal Article	Ann Medaille
Tuesday, April 6, 2027 1:00 PM [1.5 hr]	(19) Digital Dissemination of Research	Karen Gutzman
Tuesday, April 13, 2027 1:00 PM [1.5 hr]	(20) Research Impact (RTI webinar)	Karen Gutzman
Thursday, May 6, 2027 1:00 PM [1.5 hr]	Mentor group meetings #4 (mock poster presentations)	RTI Faculty/Team
May 19-22, 2027 [TBD]	Capstone poster presentations @ MLA 2026	
Tuesday, May 25, 2027	Final Research Project Report Due	
Jun 2027 [TBD]	Poster Survey	
Monday, June 30, 2027	RTI '26 Program Ends	
July 2027 [TBD]	One-Year-Later Assessment Survey & End-Of-Program Evaluation	