



Dean's Grant Program – Research Grant Announcement

We are pleased to announce the availability of Dean's Research Grants for the 2025-2026 Academic Year. The purpose of this grant program is to assist COE faculty with research engagement through targeted inquiry of questions to advance the knowledge base. Awards may be used for faculty, staff, or student compensation; commodities; contractual services; travel; course release; (with approval from the department chair), equipment; and/or other areas that would be necessary for project completion.

Proposals will be reviewed by faculty representatives from the College of Education Research Committee. **Multiple grants will be awarded, with a maximum award of \$5,000 each.** Principal investigators will have the approximately 18 months to spend award funds (i.e., the current fiscal year and the entire next fiscal year).

Proposals that include additional pay for existing personnel and/or purchases must follow NIU compensation guidelines and procurement rules (contact the COE Budget Office for assistance). Proposals may NOT involve the hiring of new employees or the purchase of food or gifts.

Timeline

- Grant proposals are due via online submission by October 31
- Notifications to all applicants will take place by December 5
- Projects must be completed, and all grant funds spent, by June 30, 2027

Application Process

- Applications can be submitted using the link: [Dean's RG \(Application\)](#)
- In Qualtrics, you will be required to enter specific personal information and upload your proposal document; the proposal is not to exceed 5 pages with no less than 12-point font
- Project overview, including the following sections:
 - Author(s) name(s)
 - Title of the Project
 - Project description, including the following sections:
 - Background and significance of study
 - Research question(s) and/or Hypothesis(es)
 - Methodology
 - How the project aligns with one's current research agenda
 - How the project advances the [COE Strategic Action Planning Framework](#)
 - Project timeline
 - Project budget and justification
 - Letter of support from department chair (if requesting a course release) – not counted in page limit

Requirements of awardees

- Submit a maximum 3-page report documenting outcomes to the Associate Dean for Research, Resources, and Innovation by September 1, 2027.
- Provide assistance in disseminating the benefits of this project in the forms of quotations for stories and/or presentation(s) at College of Education events.

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