

Innovative Grants Program: Student Grants



Irvine Public Schools Foundation (IPSF) is pleased to offer high school students in the Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) the opportunity to apply for funds through the Innovative Grants Program. The purpose of the program is to support innovation by awarding funds to enhance learning and improve the educational experience of students.



The Innovative Grants Program is made possible through parent donations to IPSF's *Parents Appreciating Teachers and Staff (PATS)* program, and the generous support of the Assistance League of Irvine, Edison International, and PPG.



General Information

1. Applicants may receive up to \$1,000 for their proposed project. **To qualify, student(s) MUST be a high school student in IUSD and apply with a staff member from their school.**
2. Funding priorities include but are not limited to the following: Mental Health & Well Being, Service Learning, Promoting Positive School Culture, and Student Awareness.
3. Grant awards are intended to fund the proposed project only. Any materials or services purchased with award funds remain the property of the school and not the recipient(s).
4. Please complete **ALL** sections of the application. You may submit additional materials to clarify your project for the review committee.
5. Please pay careful attention to the application guidelines and criteria used by the review committee to evaluate proposals and be sure these issues are addressed in your application.
6. Recipients will be notified by mid-February 2021. Funding will be available via school gift accounts and may be accessed through your school staff member.

All applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 11, 2020

Applications may be submitted via email to **ccheung@ipsf.net**
Please attach your application as a PDF file. The cover page must be signed by your school staff member and principal and attached as a separate PDF file.



2021 Innovative Grants Program Student Grant Application

Please include this cover page with your application.

Project Title

Full Amount Requested

Partial Funding Requested (If Applicable)

Applicant Name(s)

Primary Contact Name, Email, and Phone Number

For School Staff Member Only: I certify I will be the staff representative for the student applicant(s) above. I acknowledge I will be responsible for managing their funds and may be required to report to IPSF regarding use of these funds.

Staff Member Name

School

Staff Member Signature (**Required**)

Date

Principal Signature (**Required**)

Date

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Project Proposal

Project Description

1. Please provide the following:
 - Project title
 - One-paragraph summary of the project
2. Provide a detailed description including all of the following information:
 - Need for the project, including how this project will benefit students
 - What in educational research supports the efficacy of this idea or project (i.e. provide information from publications, links to online resources, and/or other evidence supporting the project)
 - Goals and objectives of the project
 - How this project is innovative or provides a creative approach to helping your student body
 - How this project might be developed to expand reach beyond your school
3. Specify the anticipated number of students and the grade levels that will benefit annually from the project.
4. How do you anticipate assessing the project's effectiveness, including quantitative and/or qualitative indicators to assess the impact on students at your school.
5. A detailed timeline of your project from planning, execution, and assessment. This should also include your plan to maintain your project after its first year, and discuss whether or not your project is sustainable.

Funding Request

1. Please provide an itemized, prioritized budget for your project which includes the amount to fully fund your project and what partial funding would be acceptable (include all expenses such as product purchase costs, labor/installment costs, shipping/handling, taxes, etc.).
2. Indicate any additional sources of support that you anticipate using for the project such as staff time, PTA funds, and private donations.



Student Grants Review Process & Criteria

Review Process

The review committee is composed of community members, corporate leaders, IUSD staff, and IPSF staff. Members are selected annually to ensure objectivity and diversity in the judging process. Committee members use the criteria and rubric below to individually review and score each proposal.

Criteria

1. The proposal is clear and thorough; application guidelines have been followed in sufficient detail.
2. The proposed project is innovative. It uses a creative approach to offer a unique opportunity to students.
3. The proposal clearly demonstrates how the project will meet a student and/or school need.
4. Project demonstrates clear goals and objectives and indicates how appropriate outcomes will be assessed.
5. The proposal cites strong theoretical reasoning that supports the request.
6. The proposed project represents a good fiscal investment. Benefits will accrue not only to those directly involved, but to others as well.
7. The project has a clear plan, which includes how it will be maintained after its first year of implementation, and whether or not it is sustainable.
8. The project has potential to expand its impact to other schools.

Rubric

A scale of 1 to 6, 6 being the highest, is used by the review committee to rate each criterion. Funding will be awarded based on the total number of points and the recommendation a proposal receives from committee members.

Each criterion will be rated as follows:

- 0 = Not addressed
- 1-2 = Needs improvement
- 3 = Satisfactory
- 4-5 = Very Good
- 6 = Outstanding