

NDSU Impact Fund Grant Program

A program of the NDSU Foundation

Application Process and Timeline

The NDSU Foundation Trustees established the NDSU Impact Fund Grant Program to provide funding for projects that make a significant impact on excellence and the educational experience for students at North Dakota State University. Available funds are provided by annual contributions from alumni and friends of the University.

Applications should be no longer than four pages. Any Letters of Support must fit within the four-page limit. No additional attachments or addenda will be accepted or submitted to the committee for review.

All applicants must have approval from NDSU's Office of Sponsored Programs by routing a proposal ([click for process info](#)) through NDSU's electronical proposal routing system [Novelution](#) before submitting their application. You will be able to generate an approval letter from Novelution to submit with your application. For more information about routing a proposal and generating the approval letter, please contact Sponsored Programs at ndsu.research@ndsu.edu.

Send application in one PDF attachment along with the Sponsored Programs cover letter in a separate PDF attachment to: janna.swanson@ndsufoundation.com. The completed application form and signed cover letter must be received by the Foundation office by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 28, 2025. We cannot accept information after the application cut-off date.

Finalists will be notified on or before September 9, 2025, and will be invited to make a ten to fifteen-minute presentation in support of their application to the Grants Committee meeting.

Applicants will be notified of funding decisions by October 10, 2025.

Requests for funding should meet the following preferred criteria:

- Applications should require funding in the range of \$20,000 to \$75,000. Successful proposals will receive funding only one time, however, actual expenditure of grant funds may take up to two years.
- Proposals should be impactful and can add to current programs/projects or establish new programs/projects.
- Ensure proposals are simply written for lay person review and presented clearly with language appropriate for non-specialist audience.

Applications are encouraged from the entire campus community and may be submitted from any faculty, staff, or recognized student organization.

NDSU Impact Fund Grant Application

Applicant Name:

Date Submitted:

Position Title:

College/Dept or Student Group:

Campus

Campus

Address:

Telephone Number:

Email address:

Proposal Title:

1) Briefly describe the specific activity or project for which you are requesting funds. If applicable, please include the specific date(s) of the activity.

2) How will the proposed activity or project enhance the educational opportunities for students and the academic priorities of NDSU?

3) Please indicate below a program budget for the grant amount requested:

Explanation

Amount

Total Amount Requested

\$