

AEESP Foundation Seeks Applications for Educational Grants

Submission Deadline: 11:59 pm, November 7, 2023

The mission of the AEESP Foundation is to improve the state of knowledge in environmental engineering and science through the support and encouragement of excellence in education, outreach, and scientific research. The AEESP Foundation supports projects that enhance the general public's awareness and understanding of environmental engineering and science and the role of environmental engineers and scientists in addressing environmental problems at local and global levels. Applications will generally be reviewed twice per year by the AEESP Foundation Board.

Grant-making Mission. The AEESP Foundation provides one-year monetary grants that enable individuals and/or organizations to utilize expertise garnered from research and teaching at the university level to inform K-12 instruction, with the goal of increasing students' awareness and understanding of environmental engineering and science issues and solutions. A maximum of two grants of up to \$5,000 each will be awarded each year.

Grant Application Requirements. Applications should be submitted electronically by 11:59 pm on November 7, 2023 via the AEESP Foundation website at www.aeespfoundation.org/grants.

Applications shall comprise a brief cover letter and a project description. The cover letter should contain the following information:

- Project title
- Name of principal investigator
- Name of organization
- Organization's address
- Name of organization's contact
- Email address for organization's contact
- Organization's tax status
- Organization's mission

The project description should be a maximum of 5 pages (single-spaced, 12 pt. Times New Roman font) and must include the following information:

- Description of project team, including any K-12 educational partners
- Overall project goal and objectives/ tasks
- A description of the proposed activities
- Project impacts, including number and demographics of K-12 students that will be impacted
- Project timetable (one-year unless requested otherwise)
- Any plans to continue the proposed educational/outreach activities after the grant has ended
- An indication of your willingness to share educational resources developed through the AEESP Foundation grant with AEESP members

Selection Criteria. Grant proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Contribution to the grant-making mission of the AEESP Foundation
- Expected impact: number of people served, age appropriateness of proposed activities, and feasibility of completing proposed activities with the project team
- Clarity of budget and proposal for the proposed work
- Potential to continue activities after the AEESP Foundation grant and share educational resources after the project has ended

Grant Eligibility. Tenure-track and tenured faculty, research professors, and teaching professors/lecturers working in the environmental engineering and science areas are eligible to serve as principal investigators (PIs). Questions about PI eligibility or other aspects of the grant proposal requirements should be directed to AEESP Foundation Chair, Jennifer Becker at jgbecker@mtu.edu.

Award Deliverables. Following the completion of an AEESP Foundation project, grant recipients are required to provide a brief final report and submit an approximately one-page summary of the project for publication in the AEESP Newsletter. Accompanying photos with captions are encouraged. Project summaries should be sent to the attention of Executive Administrator, Brian Schorr, at bschorr@aeesp.org.

