

AEESP Foundation Seeks Applications for Educational Grants
Submission Deadline: 11:59 pm ET, September 30, 2026

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, regional, or global scales.

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 instruction of K-12 students and/or the general public and achieve the goal of increasing the general public's 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. At least one of the grants will be awarded to an early career PI. Currently, there is one AEESP Foundation grant cycle per year.

Grant Application Requirements. Applications should be submitted electronically by 11:59 pm ET on September 30, 2026 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 and email address of organization's sponsored programs 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 and/or other audiences that will be reached
- Project timetable (one-year unless requested otherwise)
- Any plans to continue the proposed educational/outreach activities after the grant has ended
- A list of educational resources developed through the AEESP Foundation grant that

- will be shared with AEESP members
- A budget detailing expenditures for supplies, personnel, travel and/or other costs that are essential to developing and implementing educational and outreach activities. Note that facilities and administrative (F&A) costs cannot be supported by AEESP Foundation grants.

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 and available resources
- Clarity and appropriateness of budget
- Quality and completeness of the description of project activities
- 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). At least one grant per year will be awarded to an early career PI. Questions about PI eligibility or other aspects of the grant proposal requirements should be directed to AEESP Foundation Chair, Phil Larese-Casanova, at p.laresecasanova@northeastern.edu.

Award Deliverables. Within three months of completing 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. These documents, along with educational resources developed through the AEESP Foundation grant that will be shared with AEESP members should be sent to the AEESP Foundation Executive Administrator, Brian Schorr, at bschorr@aecsp.org.