

# Mini-grants for student research

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The College of HEST is pleased to announce a competitive mini-grant opportunity to support the research and scholarship of graduate and undergraduate students.

These mini-grants are designed to provide financial assistance for research-related expenses, including data collection, participant incentives, research materials, software, travel for fieldwork, dissemination efforts, and trainings/workshops.

Funds are not intended for publication fees, as the goal is to fund ongoing and new projects, rather than those that have already been completed. Applications are open to graduate and undergraduate students alike, but note that applications will be considered without special preference; that is, funds will be awarded based on the merit of the project and the size (Tier) of the request.

## Eligibility:

- Applicants must be currently enrolled graduate or undergraduate majors in one of HEST's 9 academic units.
- Research projects must be aligned with the student's academic discipline and contribute to their scholarly development.
- Applicants must not have received a travel award in the prior two academic years.

## Funding Amount:

**Two tiers** of funding are available.

- **Tier 1 (\$500 or less)**
- **Tier 2 (\$501-1000)**

- The College anticipates making up to **six Tier 1 awards, and up to three Tier 2 awards.**

## Application Requirements:

- A brief proposal (max 2 pages) outlining the research objectives, significance, methodology, and expected outcomes.
- An itemized budget and budget justification detailing how the funds will be used.
- A letter of support from a faculty advisor or research mentor. This letter does not need to be lengthy; it simply needs to state the nature of the faculty advisor's relationship with the applicant, and their willingness to mentor the student during the execution of their project

The College is currently offering one round of funding, but it is anticipated that this effort will be carried forward in the future, depending on available funds.

At present, we are offering:  
**Fall/winter awards to cover research expenses to be incurred between October 1st, 2025 - February 28th, 2026.**

New funding may open up in the spring (to overlap with this period) but that is not guaranteed.

For more information or questions, please contact Associate Dean of Research, Michael C. Hout at [mhout@nmsu.edu](mailto:mhout@nmsu.edu).

**Application Due Date:**  
**Sept. 15, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.**  
**<https://forms.office.com/r/LTHwWdxqic>**

Late submissions will not be reviewed. Selection process: Applications will be evaluated by the [Research Advisory Council](#) in collaboration with the [Associate Dean for Research](#).

