

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 **ten Tier 1 awards, and up to five Tier 2 awards.**

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:
Spring/Summer awards to cover travel that starts between Feb. 1 - Aug. 31 2026.

New funding may open up in the fall (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

Special thanks to the Research Advisory Council for their guidance in the creation of this opportunity.

**Application Due Date:
February 28, 2026**

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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.

