

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO

GRANT WRITING INCENTIVE

The purpose of the Grant Writing Incentive is to encourage excellence in research, scholarship, and creative activities among Minnesota State University, Mankato faculty and staff by providing financial compensation to write and submit an external grant. Support for external grant writing is an objective of the University's comprehensive [Graduate Enrollment Management plan](#) which is aligned with University's Strategic Directions 2016-2021.

GUIDELINES

Individual applications will be up to 5 duty days and team-authored applications will be up to 10 duty days (not to exceed 5 days/person).

Eligibility: All current University employees, faculty and staff, are eligible to apply.

Potential applicants must contact the Research and Sponsored Programs (RASP) office to discuss their interest in the Grant Writing Incentive program. The RASP Director will confirm with Human Resources that the individual (or team) is eligible to receive additional financial compensation, and the compensation will be consistent with the provisions in the employee's collective bargaining contract.

- Only one proposal per person will be considered at each application period.
- An applicant, as an individual or team, may only be funded once every three years (from the date of the previous award).
- Only applications for grants that generate indirect funds will be considered.
- Only applications for grants greater than or equal to \$50,000 will be considered.
- All applicants must consult with RASP to confirm eligibility of the external grant for which they intend to apply for, and the appropriateness of the timeline.

Format: Each proposal must contain all elements specified in the Required Format section of the External Grant Writing Support Application.

- Applicants must submit the application cover page (as provided), securing the corresponding approval signatures.

Submission & Deadlines: There are two External Grant Support review cycles per year.

- Submit to Research and Sponsored Programs, Memorial Library 96, by 4:30pm on the application deadline.
- These deadlines are posted at <https://research.mnsu.edu/research-and-sponsored-programs/Find-funding/grant-writing-incentive/>.

Review Process: Your proposal must use language and terminology that are clear and understandable to those in other disciplines.

- Reviewers will include a committee of faculty and staff who have successfully received external funding.
- Proposal review timeline: notifications will be made 6 weeks following the review cycle deadline.

Compensation Information:

- Individual applications are up to 5 duty days and team-authored applications are up to 10 duty days (not to exceed 5 days/person).
- Financial support for grant writing time will be administered in accordance with the individual union's contractual stipulations.
- The grant application must be submitted through the University and RASP, following all applicable policies and procedures.
- The external grant must be submitted within one year of being awarded the Grant Writing Incentive.