NEW YORK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Mini Research Grant Award

MINI-RESEARCH GRANT AWARD 2027 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can apply for the award?

Any high school student planning to do STEM research with a high school teacher/mentor can apply.

Are group projects allowed?

Yes. A group of students can apply with one mentor. One mentor and several groups of students of different projects may apply as separate submissions. One project or proposal is considered a submission.

Projects or proposals being pursued in the award calendar year are eligible. Student(s) and mentors who plan to perform the project in the fall of the award calendar year may also apply with a carefully thought-out proposal, provided the student(s) will not have graduated.

The mentor and students apply together online, however, the mentor makes the final submission online.

How will my application be evaluated by the committee?

The MRGA committee uses this rubric to evaluate proposals.

Is there a number limit for students in a group?

Four students maximum is ideal for a group.

What is the scope of the topics or subject fields that are considered for award?

Any Science, Technology, Engineering, Applied Digital Technology or Math, including Health Science related subjects will be considered. Projects performed on the school premises at any time or remotely — online, software-based, or including simulations — are eligible, provided the teacher of the same school is the mentor.

Can multiple projects be submitted from one teacher, and from one school?

Yes.

Is there a limit to how many submissions?

No limit. Submissions can be made for as many research projects that can be performed with the teacher and the school.

Which schools are eligible for the award?

Any high school offering a 9th through 12th grade curriculum and where students will perform the research is eligible.

What are the funds for?

To purchase supplies, special software for the project or remote work, small equipment, or poster printing for presenting research work. Funds are given in the name of the school as an award to the student and teacher group.

Applying

How do I apply for the award?

Online only through the link. Specific sections are to be written by the student(s).

Who is eligible to apply for the award?

The award is open to U.S. citizen students attending eligible U.S. high schools.

Who should fill out the application?

This is a joint effort on the part of the student and research mentor/teacher. The student should fill out as much of the application as possible, which primarily includes the body of the proposal or project. The research mentor/teacher should check the appropriate boxes, endorse the students that will participate, and then submit the application.

Who should fill out the W-9 form?

School office staff or the research mentor/teacher will fill out the W-9 form with school tax ID information.

How will I be notified about my award application?

Selected students/teachers will be notified by email by February of the award year.

What should I do if I haven't received any communications from New York Tech?

Email the members of the committee and cc to mrga@nyit.edu.

Are there a limited number of awards?

No limit. Awards will be based on merit of the project or proposal and provided the submission is complete.

Award Amount

How much will I receive?

The school will be mailed a check for $300 per award to be used for purchases. For example, if a school receives 3 awards for 3 projects or proposals, a $900 check will be mailed in the name of the school. Checks will be mailed in February of the Award calendar year.

What does the award cover?

As above, any materials or software used for the research project or proposal, or for presenting the work or printing posters at a later date, are included.