



Mission Fund Grant Program Call for Proposals

The NCME Mission Fund was established to provide a means for donors to express their tangible support for NCME's mission to advance the science and practice of measurement in education, and to provide individuals and organizations with financial support for projects, research, and travel that address this mission directly. In 2018-2019, the Mission Fund is seeking to fund several special initiatives that are designed to promote a broader understanding of high quality assessment practices and appropriate test use among diverse groups of assessment stakeholders. Those interested are invited to submit proposals that directly respond to this theme, and that are consistent with the submission requirement provided.

Types of Activities Eligible for Funding

Grants for responding to public perceptions of measurement and testing are intended to support travel, educational, project, and research activities directly related to developing or promoting assessment literacy outside of NCME or committees activities. Grants under this initiative are limited to up to \$5,000 for a travel or educational activity, and up to \$10,000 for a project or research activity. Collaborative projects with NCME committees or external organizations are eligible for awards up to \$20,000 to complement other funding sources. Proposal budgets are limited to 10% for overhead rates inclusive of the funding request.

Project and Research Activities

Activities for funding may include, but are not limited to support for:

- Developing research, or larger scale projects that respond to testing policies or practice.
- Activities that build the US domestic and international pipeline of researchers and practitioners in the measurement field. Examples include raising awareness among undergraduates about the measurement field and recruitment of underrepresented populations with the goal of diversification.
- Projects that involve collaboration between an NCME committee and an external agency or organization (e.g., school district, state department of education, school board) such as white papers on measurement and testing policy and practice, or recruitment and retention of measurement professionals.
- Building a measurement and testing library (e.g., textbooks, journals, NCME-sponsored books) for newly developed or emerging domestic and international measurement programs
- Projects that would develop curriculum recommendations for educational measurement graduate or training programs (e.g., masters, doctorate, specialist, certificate).

Travel and Educational Activities

Activities eligible for funding may include, but are not limited to:

- Support (e.g., travel expenses not covered by alternate sources) to speak or provide testimony for legislative or related policy deliberations related to educational measurement or testing policy and/or practice.
- Support (e.g., registration, fees, travel) to participate as a speaker, panel member, or presenter at a non-measurement or testing conference, seminar, or webinar on assessment literacy topics such as professional standards and best practices.

Submission requirements

To qualify for grants for this category, at least one applicant must be a member of NCME, and must submit the following:

- Complete information for author(s) including affiliation(s)
- Descriptive title (maximum: 15 words)
- Proposal
 - *For project or research activities*: maximum 1000 words, NOT including tables, figures, and references. Proposal should specifically include: study purpose, theoretical framework, methodology, results, conclusions, and the educational implications related to the conference theme.
 - *For travel and educational activities*: maximum 500-word description of the proposed travel and purpose, and the educational implications related to the conference theme.

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Relevance (educational or scholarly significance)
- Technical Quality (for project and research proposals, and includes perspective or theoretical framework, appropriateness of methodology, clarity of expression)
- Reasonability (can it be finished on proposed schedule given the requested funding)

Electronic Submission

[Click here to submit your proposal](#)

Funding decisions will be based on recommendations from the committee with final approval for projects coming from the NCME Executive Committee. Decisions will be emailed to corresponding authors no later than February 28, 2019.

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION: JANUARY 25, 2019