

UNITED ENGINEERING FOUNDATION GRANTS POLICIES

Background: The United Engineering Foundation advances the engineering arts and sciences for the welfare of humanity. It supports engineering and education by, among other means, making grants.

Scope: Grants should be consistent with advancing engineering.

Preferences: The UEF Board of Trustees evaluates and judges proposals in view of the UEF mission, the perceived ability of the proposal and proposer(s) to further that mission, and the available funding. Proposals are accepted only from U.S. based organizations classified by the Internal Revenue Service as having 501(c)(3) status. While all proposals meeting the requirements for (1) U.S. based organizations having 501(c)(3) status, (2) established deadlines, and (3) page limitations will be considered, certain UEF preferences should be understood by proposers:

- Broad-based, interdisciplinary proposals that further the engineering profession as a whole are preferred.
- Multiple-year proposals are welcome, but funding is awarded for a single year only. Proposals for subsequent years follow procedures identical to that of single-year proposals. No commitment for funding of subsequent years of a multiple-year project should be inferred from funding of a prior year.
- Projects that are outside “business as usual” of the proposing organization are preferred.
- Technical research proposals and proposals by individuals are seldom accepted.

Process: Proposals are accepted from not-for-profit organizations and groups of such entities, once per year. UEF’s grant process consists of two stages: 1) submission of a *short concept* paper, by June 1, 2) for those concept papers selected for invitation, submission of a detailed *proposal*, by August 1.

Concept Paper: The concept paper should be concise but should clearly state, at a minimum: a working title, proposing entity and participating entities, funding requested and budget, period of performance, summary concepts and objectives, and how the proposal fits in the scope requested. Concept papers must be submitted electronically and in PDF format. Concept papers in excess of 2 pages will be automatically rejected.

Proposal: The proposal should provide more detail, including detailed objectives, detailed schedule, business plan, and reporting. Proposals must be submitted electronically and in PDF format.

Report: Reports are required at the end of the project period.

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