PSEA
Council for Instruction and Professional Development

Innovative Teaching Grants

PSEA invites you to promote excellence in education by applying for an Innovative Teaching Grant.

PSEA’s Innovative Teaching Grants recognize PSEA members for their contributions to innovative instructions. Each $1,000 grant will be awarded to teachers, librarians, education support professionals, instructional teams, pupil services personnel, higher education staff, PSEA retirees (when working with a PSEA teacher), and/or student PSEA members who fulfill the requirements described on the enclosed pages. PSEA’s Council on Instruction and Professional Development will recommend a maximum of four grant winners to the PSEA Board of Directors.

All applications must be submitted by email to klewis@psea.org and received at PSEA by 5 p.m. EST on February 1 of each year.

Questions? Contact Ed Services at 1-800-944-7732 ext. 7008. To request an electronic copy of the application, go to www.psea.org/ITG.
GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION

BACKGROUND

The Innovative Teaching Grants program was initiated by PSEA in 1972. The program is administered by the PSEA Council on Instruction and Professional Development. Grantees are recognized at the annual PSEA House of Delegates held in May of each year.

SCOPE AND PURPOSE

The Innovative Teaching Grants recognize PSEA members for their contributions to innovative instruction. Projects eligible are those developed by teachers, librarians, educator support professionals, instructional teams, pupil services personnel, higher education staff, and/or student PSEA members.

ENTRANCE STEPS

All of the following criteria must be met for the project to be considered.

A. Ensure that the applicant(s) is a PSEA member(s) in good standing (PSEA retirees must work with a current PSEA teacher).
B. Fully complete application form and professional resume(s).
C. Scan the documents with original signatures and submit them to PSEA in PDF format. (A clear JPEG is also acceptable. If none of these options are available to you, please contact klewis@psea.org.)
D. All entries must be received by klewis@psea.org no later than February 1st by 5 p.m. EST of each year.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

All of the following criteria must be met for the project to be considered.

A. Fully completed application form identifying one primary contact
B. Fully completed professional resume (for each applicant)
C. Written evidence of administrative or supervisory support.
D. Components of the Application Text
   • Project Summary: A separate summary statement of the project in 50 words or less
   • Narrative: A comprehensive narrative of the proposal that must include the following:
     o Objectives
     o Grade or age level of the student group for which the program is designed or explanation if the audience is other than students
     o Number of participants anticipated
     o A statement about the innovative aspects of the project and how it may address closing achievement and opportunity gaps
   • Activities: Brief description of each activity and the way in which each activity will aid in accomplishing the stated objectives.
   • Project Timetable
   • Other Resources: Descriptions and functions of any other supportive services
   • or other resources that will be used.
   • Budget: Itemized costs and the final total of the project. Specify the allocation of grant funds. Address how other non-PSEA grants funds will be used and confirm the acquisition.
   • Evaluation: Description of the method(s) that will be used to evaluate project results (rubrics, surveys, checklists, data points, deliverables, etc.)

NOTES OF IMPORTANCE

• These grants are about innovation. Be sure to envelop your entire project in that concept.
• All entries become the property of PSEA and will not be returned.
• The PSEA Board of Directors takes final action on the winning entries.
• Please be advised that if the check for the Innovative Teaching Grant is made payable to individual award recipients; the amount of the award will be taxable income to those persons according to IRS regulations. If the check for the award is made payable to their school district, it will not be taxable income to the recipients of the award.
PSEA-IPD Innovative Teaching Grants Application Form

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR EACH ENTRY SUBMITTED. Please type or print all information.

Title of project: ____________________________________________________________

The project involves (Check all that apply):

# students age grade # teachers parents (other) specify

Name of applicant/primary contact person

Member ID # (Number can be found on PSEA membership card)

Professional Personnel Identification #

Local Association ___________________________ Region ___________________________

Home address: ________________________________________________________________

Home phone: _____________________________ School phone: _____________________ Cell Phone _____________________________

Email address: ______________________________________________________________

School name & address: _________________________________________________________

Current educational position (include grade and subject(s) taught, if applicable):

__________________________________________________________

Superintendent’s name:___________________________________________

School district’s name and address: __________________________________________

Other entities, if any, formally cooperating in carrying out this project:

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The following additional materials have been included with this application (photos, news articles, . . .)

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How did you hear about the Innovative Teaching Grants? (Circle all that apply.)
House of Delegates Summer Leadership Conference State Region Local Other specify

By signing below, I/we:

• declare that all work in this project is original (except where indicated).
• agree to have my/our name(s) used as a contact related to this project.
• give PSEA permission to publish this project for use by other members.

Signature of applicant(s) _____________________________

Local Association President’ Name (printed) _____________________________

Principal’s Name (printed) _____________________________

Signature of Local Association President _____________________________

Signature of Principal _____________________________
PSEA-IPD Innovative Teaching Grants
Professional Resume

Name __________________________________________ Title __________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________________________

Employer __________________________________________

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Teaching experience (years at each level, including current position):

Elementary Education   Secondary Education   Higher Education

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Years and schools where the applicant has taught:

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Other experiences, honors, awards, or publications.

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Signature ___________________________ Date __________