MoExcels
FY 2021 Request for Funding Proposals

The Missouri Department of Higher Education is pleased to provide the MoExcels Request for Proposals (RFP). We look forward to receiving your submissions. Please send questions and submissions to Allyssa Miget at Allyssa.Miget@ded.mo.gov.

General Information

**Purpose.** MoExcels funding will facilitate development and expansion of employer-driven education and training programs. Funding recommended through MoExcels, if appropriated, will be available for a single fiscal year. If full funding of a project requires a multi-year phase-in, each year’s funding should stand on its own in the event that funds are not appropriated in subsequent years. A core funding increase may be requested after the third year in which a funded project achieves its performance goals.

**Who May Seek Funding.** Proposals may be submitted by individual institutions or consortia of institutions. Only public institutions of higher education, including community colleges, State Technical College, and public universities, may submit proposals.

**Allowable Activities.** Funds appropriated through MoExcels may be used for professional and curriculum development, renovation of classroom space, the purchase of equipment, and other purposes approved in writing by the Department of Higher Education by July 20, 2019. Funds may not be used to pay students’ tuition, fees, or other expenses.

**Match.** All proposals must include a match to cover a substantial portion of the cost of the new or expanded program, with a match of at least half being strongly preferred. Matching funds may be in-kind contributions but may not include the cost of staff time from the institution(s) proposing the project. The match can be provided by the institution, an organization, an individual, or a federal agency.

**Performance and Project Reporting.** Funding recipients must report on performance on October 30, January 30, April 30, and June 30 annually until the program has achieved its objectives.

Proposal Requirements

Applicants must complete the MoExcels Application Form.
Timeline

- May 1: Call for proposals issued
- July 20: Deadline to request approval to request funding for expenses other than professional and curriculum development, renovation of classroom space, and the purchase of equipment
- August 1: Deadline to submit proposals
- September 4: Ten highest-scored projects present to business leaders and chair of CBHE Budget and Financial Aid Committee
- September 11: Recommendations presented to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education

Review and Award Process

Proposals will be scored by staff from agencies that comprise the Governor’s Subcommittee on Workforce Development. Staff will score proposals based on a standardized rubric.

A review committee consisting of the Director of Economic Development, the Commissioner of Higher Education, business and industry representatives, and the chair of the CBHE’s Budget and Financial Aid Committee will review the ten highest-ranked proposals, including a presentation by the proponents of each such proposal. That group may adjust the order of ranking to develop a balanced portfolio of recommendations in terms of any or all of the following: quality of proposal, economic sectors being trained for, project duration, magnitude of impact, geographic distribution of funds, and any other factor deemed relevant.

The review committee’s recommendations will be conveyed to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education, which will make final ranking and funding recommendations.

Funding

The Department of Higher Education reserves the right to recommend funding for a project in whole or in part, to request additional information, to reject any of the proposals submitted, and to re-issue this RFP and accept new proposals if the review committee determines that doing so is in the best interest of the state of Missouri.

All costs incurred in preparation of proposals submitted in response to this RFP shall be borne by the institutions that apply for funding.