Student Small Grant Program
Application Form

The **Student Small Grant (SSG) Program** is a competitive program designed to enrich the research, scholarship and creative arts projects experience of undergraduate and graduate students at Youngstown State University, by providing an opportunity to work directly with (a) faculty or staff mentor(s).
The SSG Program is supported by the Youngstown State University Foundation and Office of Research Services.

What is the Student Small Grant?
The Student Small Grant is a grant awarded to a student to work on (a) project(s) under the supervision of (a) faculty or staff mentor(s). The Small Grant covers up to **$5,000** in student wages or between 340 and 396 hours of work on the project(s).

Students who receive a Grant from the SSG program will be required to complete and participate in the following:

- Applicable research training (IRB, Lab Safety training, …)
- Poster Presentation at Student Small Grant Showcase
- Write a final report
- Participate in an evaluation by their faculty/staff mentor(s)

Who should apply?
Interested and motivated undergraduate or graduate students who are

- Enrolled in a degree program as a full-time student at YSU during 2026-2027 academic year.
- In good academic standing with the University.
- Working on a project or projects under the supervision of (a) faculty or staff mentor(s).
- Students who hold a graduate assistantship may not use the SSGP funds during the academic year.
- Students who are work study eligible must exhaust their work study before SSGP funds are used.

What are the dates?

- **Application Deadline: January 29, 2027, 5 pm**
- Expected Award Date: April 30, 2027
- Project Period: May 15, 2027 – May 15, 2028 (start dates are flexible)

Use this Application Form to apply

Send to research@ysu.edu

by January 29, 2027 – 5 pm

NOTE: Late submissions will not be reviewed.

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Project Title:			
Student Name:		Status:	
Department:		College:	Choose your College
Banner #:		Email:	
Anticipated Start Date:		Anticipated Graduation:	

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1. ***Abstract/Summary:***

   Brief description of the project(s) in general terms, include the objective(s)/aim(s) and the significance to your field. What problems or questions will be investigated? What are the anticipated outcomes, contributions of the project to your field? (Limit 1,000 characters)

2. ***Background:***

   Brief description of the work that has been done in the project area, (Limit 1,000 characters)

3. ***Needs Statement and Objectives/Aims:***

   Describe the problem/need and rationale for why the project is important followed by an overview of the objectives/aims. (Limit 1,000 characters)

4. ***Methods and Expected outcomes:***

   Describe the research and creative methods or methodology you will use and include a justification for the approach. How do the methods address the problem(s)/need or contribute to your project area? (Limit 1,500 characters)

5. ***References/Works Cited/Bibliography***

   Use discipline-appropriate format. (Limit 1,500 characters)

Personal, Background and Future Plans Statement

Describe who you are, what your interests are, and your educational and career goals. (Limit 3,000 characters)

Faculty Mentor

Statement of Support/Reference (Limit 2,000 characters)

Signature

Include additional pages if you have several mentors