

Engagement Innovation Funds

Office of Engagement

The Engagement Innovation funds build greater capacity for engaged scholarly activities to make progress on the imperatives of the [Next-Gen K-State](#) strategic plan.

The funds are used to advance these Next-Gen plan objectives:

- [Theme 5: Integrating Engagement Across All Do](#)
- Maximize K-State's impact through engagement and outreach with a preferred connection to K-State Research & Extension system and/or a community partner.
- Innovatively connecting with communities through RSCAD, teaching and service to create community impact.

K-State faculty and staff can apply for the limited Engagement Innovation funds by participating in one of two tiers.

- Tier 1: College-Unit level submission- Funding up to \$30,000
- Tier 2: Faculty-Project level submission – Funding up to \$10,000

Three-page maximum proposals must be submitted with the following criteria:

1. Project title and description
2. Program/project deliverables
3. Program Partners
 - a. Please include 1-2 sentences about the partnership and how the partner will be involved.
4. Projected impact of community engagement
5. Monthly timeline, budget, core team members

Proposals must include a signature from a relevant department head and/or unit director indicating support for the program/project.

Preference will be given to proposals that demonstrate at least one or more of the following criteria:

- Strong external stakeholder partnership(s), connection to the K-State Extension system, or multidisciplinary partnership.
- Programs/projects with ability to grow/scale
- Alignment with department/college priorities

Note: The Engagement Innovation Funds award cycle will follow fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. Although these funds are limited and currently within FY24-25, there is no deadline to apply as the Office of Engagement will review proposals as they come in.

The Office of Engagement welcomes any questions and/or conversations prior to submission. Contact Mirna Bonilla mbonilla@ksu.edu or 785-532-6099 for assistance. Please submit final proposals in a PDF format to the Office of Engagement at ooengage@ksu.edu.