

**Elevate Grants: Small Awards for Research and Creative Activities**  
**Division of Research at Bowling Green State University**

**Fall 2025 Application Deadline: Friday, October 10th at 5:00pm ET**

**Spring 2026 Application Deadline: Friday, February 13th at 5:00pm ET**

**Purpose:** Elevate Grants aim to provide up to \$1000 to help BGSU faculty members complete research and creative activities. These funds can include—but are not limited to—the purchase of unique software (that is not already available at BGSU), support for archival research, and data access. The funding should play an important role in helping awardees produce a final project, product, or deliverable (e.g., a publication, art piece, presentation, or performance).

**Eligibility:**

- All BGSU Bargaining Unit Faculty Members are eligible to apply.
- Eligible faculty can receive up to 1 competitively selected Elevate Grant per academic year.
- Applications must be submitted *prior to purchasing items in the grant's budget*. Retroactive requests will not be considered.
  - All expenditures for Fall 2025 Elevate Grants must be spent between December 1, 2025 and December 31, 2026.
  - All expenditures for Spring 2026 Elevate Grants must be spent between April 1, 2026 and April 1, 2027.
- Please ensure your proposed expenditures are compliant with [BGSU's purchasing policies](#).

**Application Process:**

1. Eligible faculty should submit their application and materials using the Elevate Grant's online application form, which is located on the Division of Research's "Find Funding" webpage. Applications submitted by email will not be considered.
  - a. Fall 2025 Elevate Grant applications are due by 5:00pm ET on Friday, October 10, 2025.
  - b. Spring 2026 Elevate Grant applications are due by 5:00pm ET on Friday, February 13, 2026.
2. The application requires the following information:
  - a. Applicant's name, email address, office phone, rank, department/school, and the name and email address of the budget administrator in your department/school
  - b. The project title and start/end dates
  - c. A budget that identifies how the Elevate Grant's funds will be spent
  - d. Statement of Need (up to 500 words): Please describe the project's significance and the impact it will have. In addition, please provide a brief rationale for your funding request. If the applicant already has external funding, professional development funds, and/or start-up support, please explain why additional funding is needed.

**Review Process**

1. The Division of Research will screen each application to confirm its eligibility.
2. Next, the Faculty Research Committee (FRC) will rank each application based on (a) the project's significance, (b) the project's potential impact, (c) the applicant's need for funding for this project, and (d) the proposed budget.
3. Final funding decisions will be made based upon the quality of proposals and available funding with approval from the VPR.
4. All applicants will be notified about their funding decision by November 25 (for Fall 2025 applications) and March 13 (for Spring 2026 applications).

**Final Report**

A final report should be submitted using the Elevate Grant's online final report form within 30 days of the grant's final expenditure or by the grant's report deadline (whichever one is earlier). Failure to submit a final report may disqualify the faculty member from future internal grants from the Division of Research.