

2026 Lean into Learning

Innovative Technology Education Fund

Qualifying Information

The Innovative Technology Education Fund's Lean into Learning grant cycle supports educators seeking professional development experiences that inspire excitement and curiosity in their classroom or school. Lean into Learning provides up to \$5,000 per grant--at least two participants must be included in one application. The total grant request must be \$5,000 or less.

One application may be submitted for a group of five or more traveling to one conference with the total request of up to \$25,000 for that district. At least five educators must be in attendance for applications requesting \$25,000.

Please contact ITEF@innovteched.com with any questions.

NOTE: Read your application carefully before submitting; incomplete applications cannot be considered for funding.

School Zip Code (Greater St. Louis area)*

Please enter 5-digit zip code. ITEF only funds schools in the greater St. Louis area. Please see our website for a complete list of eligible MO and IL zip codes.

Please choose best description*

Choices

Yes, we are an accredited public, independent or parochial school in Missouri or Illinois.

No, we are not an accredited public, independent or parochial school in Missouri or Illinois.

Yes, we are a licensed K-12 charter school in Missouri or Illinois for three years or more.

Agreement Commitment*

I agree to complete and submit my feedback to ITEF in **Foundant within 10 business days** of completing my PD. I understand failure to comply removes me from eligibility for a PD grant in the following year. My feedback will include a) my key learnings; b) how the experience will impact my pedagogy; c) whether this experience should be recommended for other educators.

Choices

Yes, I agree to comply with the feedback requirements.

No, I do not agree to comply with the feedback requirements.

Application Name

Name your application by date of professional development conference or experience and abbreviated PD name, for example: 10/15/27NAGC

Character Limit: 250

Name of Conference, Subject Expert or Location(s) for Site Visit*

State name of conference, subject expert or city(ies) if a site visit

Character Limit: 100

Application

1. Name of School and District*

Character Limit: 100

2. Details of Educator(s) Attending PD*

Successful PD grants reflect creativity, expand an educator's knowledge, and include at least one peer educator with whom the experience can be shared.

If attending a conference, you must have at least one travel colleague. Please complete the following information for each participant in this request, including travel colleague(s).

For large group (5+ attendee) conference requests, complete the following information for all educators who will travel.

If requesting support for an expert speaker or local PD, complete the following information for yourself as the grant writer, only.

1. First and last name
2. Role/title
3. Email address
4. Phone number

Character Limit: 2500

3. Professional Development Selection*

What type of professional development are you selecting? Check all that apply.

Choices

- Attend a conference or training
- Bring an expert to your school or district
- Collaborative work session
- Visit a school

4. Attending a Professional Development Experience

What are the details of your desired professional development experience?

- Name of conference, site visit or experience
- Physical location (or note if virtual)

- Beginning and end dates
- Website link(s) to the conference, site visit, experience, or other relevant information

Character Limit: 2500

5. Professional Development Selection*

Please briefly explain why you selected this professional development experience.

Character Limit: 500

6. Past Lean into Learning grant awards

Have you received past Lean into Learning grant awards? If so, how many Lean into Learning grants have you received?

Character Limit: 1000

7. Did you receive a Lean into Learning grant award last year?

Choices

Yes

No

Lean into Learning budget spreadsheet*

Download, complete and upload the Lean into Learning budget spreadsheet. Include line-item expenses for two travelers, or more, if applicable. Link to a completed Google sheet with same line-items also accepted. Applicants with incomplete budget spreadsheets will be disqualified. Total grant request must not exceed \$5,000, unless applying to send five+ educators to a single conference, in which case max request amount for this request (and school district) is \$25,000. If the total cost for two travelers exceeds \$5,000, the travel colleague must submit a different application.

Email ITEF@innovted.com with any budget questions.

Lean Into Learning Budget spreadsheet

Character Limit: 1000 | File Size Limit: 3 MB

Total Amount Requested, Conference

Total amount requested. Include total for two travelers, or more, if applicable.

Character Limit: 20

Bringing PD to your School or District*

We are bringing an expert to our school or district.

Choices

Yes, we are bringing an expert.

No, we are not bringing an expert.

Preparation for Bringing PD to your School or District

1. Who is/are the expert(s) you are inviting? List name, title and professional affiliation.
2. What is the date of your event?
3. How many people will be invited and from what school district(s)?
4. Venue name and address
5. How will your district support this plan?
6. How will ITEF be recognized at this event?

Character Limit: 5000

Budget Expenses--Expert Speaker*

List all expenses associated with your experience in a line item budget. State specific costs with links and quotes where possible when listing fees, honorariums and all other expenses. **Items must add up to the total \$ amount for your request.** *Your PD request MUST NOT exceed \$5,000 total.*

Character Limit: 2500

Total Amount Requested--Expert Speaker

Character Limit: 250

Sharing Learnings with Peers*

How will you share your learning with other educators and colleagues?

Character Limit: 1500

E-payment Approver*

If your grant is approved, ITEF transmits payment electronically. State the name, title, phone and email of the administrator who can approve e-payments. Note: ITEF will cover any administrative fees incurred by this transaction.

Character Limit: 1000

Letter of Recommendation*

You must include a signed letter of recommendation from a school administrator such as your principal or direct supervisor that demonstrates you have their support to participate in this professional development experience. **The letter must include their name, title, phone and email on official school or district letterhead.**

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Thank you for your interest.

Thank you for your interest in the Lean into Learning grant!