



# INNOVATION GRANT INFORMATION SESSION

INNOVATION WORKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

***AS PART OF OUR EFFORT TO FOSTER NEW IDEAS, A NUMBER OF GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE TO FUND INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES:***



Montgomery College Foundation donors have provided up to...

**\$40,000**

...to fund projects focused on advancing student enrollment, retention and engagement, and closing the achievement gap for underrepresented students.

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Today's Focus:

Grant Theme

Application Process and Tips

Generating Big Ideas

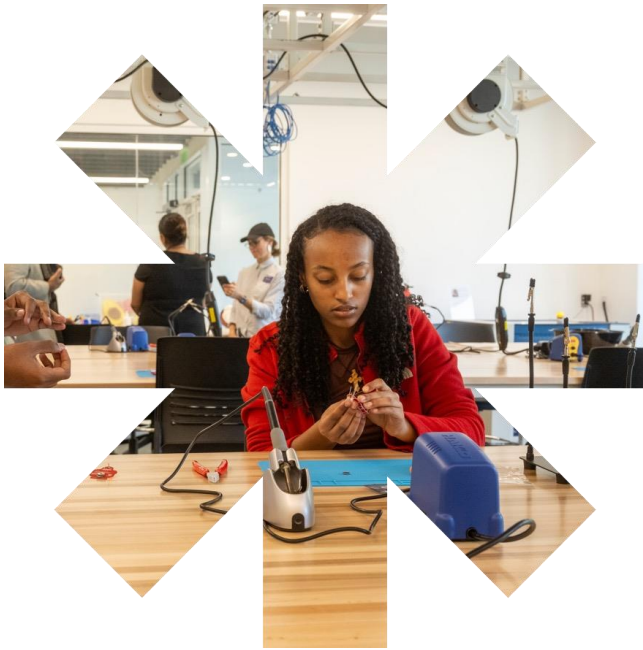
Resources Available

Questions



# GRANT THEME

## “INNOVATING ACCESS: EMPOWERING EVERY LEARNER, ENRICHING EVERY PATHWAY”



- The MC Foundation Innovation Fund has up to \$40,000 for projects that advance student access, completion, and post-completion success and address **bold and innovative opportunities** that align with our **transformational** aspirations are ideal initiatives for this grant. The grant is made possible this year through the generosity of Montgomery College Foundation donors.
- Projects that have direct linkage to student success, social justice, equity and inclusion, advance student completion, student post-completion success, and extend the impact of our educational environment into the community are ideal initiatives for this grant. Grants that promote **collaboration and cross-functional teams** will be given greater consideration.
- We are looking for your best thinking and innovative strategies that will **impact a broad range of students**. Faculty, staff, administrators, and students are eligible to submit proposals. Students desiring to participate are required to partner with a faculty or staff member to submit an application.

# GRANT PROPOSAL MUST HAVES



## Abstract

- Not to exceed 100 words



## Statement

- About relevant themes
- Student success
- Student graduation, completion, and retention goals
- Student transfer goals
- Equity and inclusion
- Part-time students
- Support for newly enrolled (first-time) students
- Civility
- Building a culture of evidence
- Social justice



## Narrative

- Description of the proposed project
- Explanation how the project connects to the grant theme
- Emphasis on the collaborative and innovative elements
- Measureable outcomes
- Estimation of the number of students who will be either directly or indirectly affected by the proposed project
- Timeline for implementation
- Research/data to demonstrate a need for the proposed project



## Budget

- A detailed explanation and justification
- Less than two pages

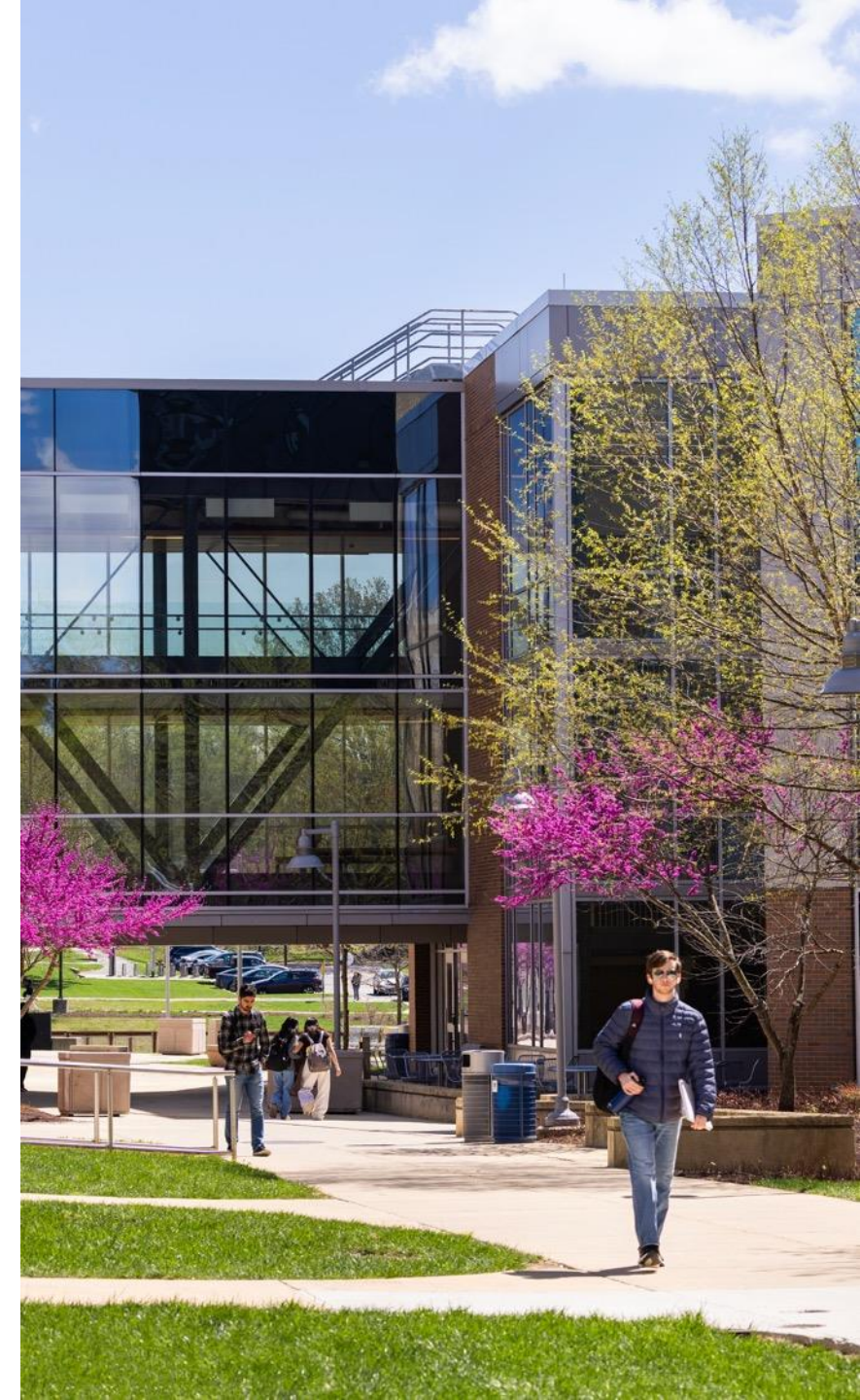


*Tip: Check out abstracts of past grant winners!*

# EVALUATION RUBRIC

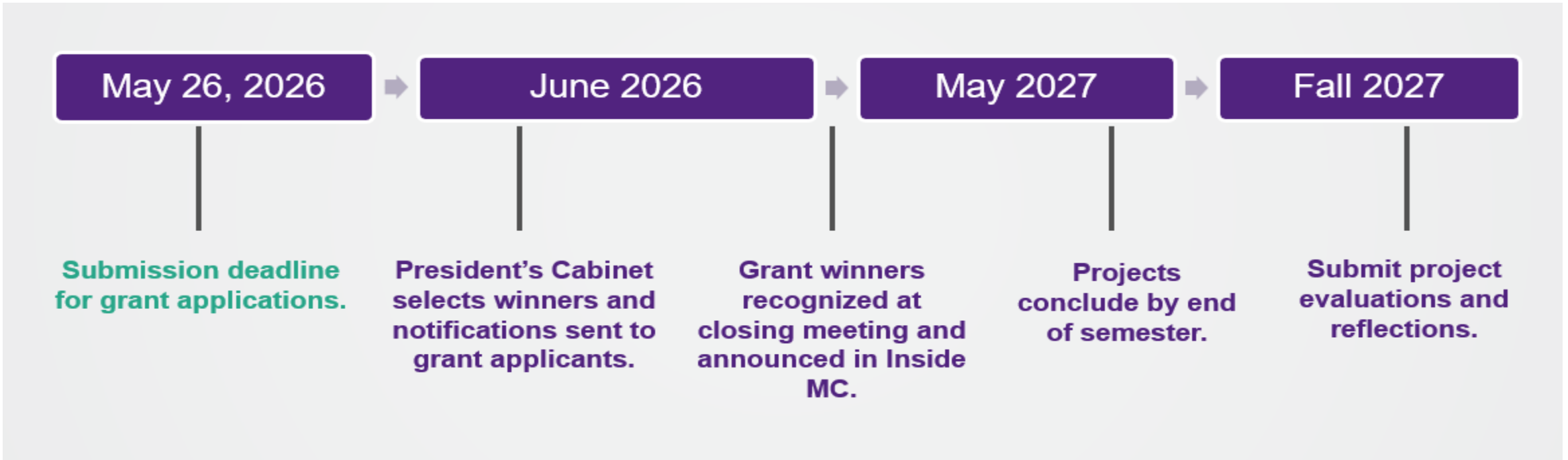
**APPLICANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA TO EVALUATE THE QUALITY OF THEIR PROPOSAL:**

<b>Description &amp; Objectives</b>	Offers specific, clear, and obtainable objectives that align with MC's goals and the innovation grant theme. Includes budget justification and timeline for implementation.
<b>Innovative</b>	Demonstrates engagement in a critical conversation, issue, or idea that generates a proactive solution to the challenges and opportunities facing MC's students and the community.
<b>Improves Student Success</b>	Promotes specific improvements to student success and/or the broader College community.
<b>Measurable Outcomes</b>	Clearly states benchmarks for success and measurable outcomes that identify what participants are expected to receive/learn as a result of engaging in this project and provides a plan for data collection during implementation.
<b>Collaborative</b>	Demonstrates a high level of collaboration between students, faculty, staff and other identified departments for project planning and implementation and/or how the project leverages expertise across disciplines or units.
<b>Student Impact</b>	Provides specific numbers of students and audience projections (preference given for higher number of students impacted directly or indirectly )
<b>Data</b>	Supplies College and industry data supporting and documents need for the project. Clearly documents data origin and source. Method for data collection and analysis supports stated objectives/outcomes.



# TIMELINE

## KEY DATES & EVENTS



# GRANT PREPARATION MATERIALS & RESOURCES

## Innovation Grants

As part of our effort to foster new ideas, a number of grants are available to fund innovative strategies.

MC Innovation Fund Grant   **Grant Preparation Material**   Holy Cross Health Fund Grant

[MC Foundation Innovation Grant Flyer \(PDF, 📄\)](#)

[MC Foundation Innovation Grants Application Guidelines \(PDF, 📄\)](#)

[MC Foundation Innovation Grants Resources Guide \(PDF, 📄\)](#)

[MC Foundation Innovation Grants Information Video 🎥](#)

Abstracts From Previous Years:

FY 2022	+
FY 2021	+
FY 2020	+
FY 2019	+
FY 2018	+
FY 2017	+



Go to:

<https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/special-programs/innovation-works/index.html#grantpreparationmaterial>

**“IF I HAVE 1,000 IDEAS AND  
ONLY ONE TURNS OUT TO BE  
GOOD, I AM SATISFIED.” -  
ALFRED NOBEL**

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**Grant Submission Application  
opens in early May.**

