



NSF XR Project Mini Grant Guidelines

Overview

The NW XR EDU Network mini grant or stipend program funded by the National Science Foundation that enables faculty, eLearning academic professionals, librarians, and faculty hosted students to complete extended reality (XR) educational projects. These projects can range from evaluating off-the-shelf software, writing recommendations for other educators to running pilot programs that explore methods for teaching in virtual worlds or using 3D modelling tools and game engines to create new educational applications for use in schools. These XR-related project categories can be general or specific in nature.

Eligibility Criteria

The NW XR EDU Network stipend program is open to faculty, librarians, students, and eLearning professionals at colleges primarily in the Pacific Northwest but also available more generally to higher education institutions in the U.S.. Applicants can apply for the program individually or as a team. Proposed projects must include a substantive focus on the use of XR technology for education.

Application Process

To apply for the FLC program, complete an [XR project proposal](#) submission, which outlines the content and scope of your idea. The deadline for project proposal submissions is October 31st, 2025.

Selection Process

Expressions of interest for this program are reviewed by the NW XR EDU Network steering committee.

Selection Criteria

Expressions of interest will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Eligibility for the FLC program.

- Project viability and demonstrated capability of the project team.
- Value of the intended project outcomes for the wider NW XR EDU Network.
- Viability of intended project timelines and project scope.
- Willingness to complete an Open Education Resource (OER) project component
- Availability of project funds for the remainder of the funding period.

Stipends

Successful project proponents will be awarded a stipend of \$1000 for the project's planned duration. Stipends are paid upon project completion and submission of agreed deliverables, within the 10 month development time period.

Maximum Project Size

The maximum project length and stipend is 8 months/\$1,000. These maximum limits also apply to team submissions.

Contact Information

Additional information and project examples can be obtained by contacting:

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