



## **Frequently Asked Questions About The Teacher Innovation Grant Program**

### **2026-2027 Fall Individual Grant**

- **What types of projects will Georgetown ISD Education Foundation fund through this program?**
  - Georgetown ISD Education Foundation is interested in giving teachers the opportunity to create new and engaging learning experiences that help support and grow the students of GISD. The purpose of this program is to find innovative and creative educational projects that impact student learning.
- **What types of expenses will Georgetown ISD Education Foundation not fund?**
  - Georgetown ISD Education Foundation does not fund stipends, salaries or teacher travel expenses to conferences or training. However, requests for staff development (registration fees for workshops, conference or substitutes) will be considered when these activities represent one component of a well-planned project, integrated with other activities that directly impact students.
- **Will the judges who read my application know where I work?**
  - No. All applications are judged through a blind-review process. The Signature Page is removed prior to applications being given to judges to read. We ask that you NOT mention your name or school name anywhere on your application after the Signature Page. Every application will be judged on the merit of the proposed project only.
- **May I request technology that is not currently approved by our District's Technology Department?**
  - In supporting innovation and creativity, we encourage educators to seek out cutting-edge technology that is proven to impact student achievement. We recognize that if the technology is new, it might not yet be on the District's approval list. Applicants can contact the Technology Assets Clerk for assistance with technology purchases.

- **What exactly is a work plan?**
  - A work plan lists out all of the steps necessary to complete your project. For example, if your project is to host a student art exhibition at Wolf Ranch Shopping Center, your first step might be to meet with the Wolf Ranch Manager to agree on a time period the student work could be on display. Another step would be to purchase the supplies needed for the art. Another may be to begin a six-week instructional unit on watercolor painting with your students. The important aspect of the work plan is that you are showing the reviewer that you have thought out, well-defined plan and know the necessary steps for a successful project.
- **Do I have to list every item that I want to purchase?**
  - Yes, it is important to take the time to list out exactly how you intend to spend the grantor's money. Of course, Georgetown ISD Education Foundation understands that there might be slight changes once the purchase is made, but take the effort of giving the reviewer a list of what you intend to purchase with the requested funds. For example, if you are requesting books for a classroom library, a list of titles will be required.
- **Oops, I forgot to include shipping and handling in my application budget and now I need another \$200 to complete my order! Can I go back and ask for additional funds?**
  - Georgetown ISD Education Foundation awards all of their budgeted funds allocated for Teacher Innovation Grants; therefore, additional funds will not be available.
- **How can I measure the success of my project?**
  - We encourage you to find multiple measures of success such as a pre and post project measurement, rubric, student survey, or peer evaluation. You will be required to complete a Completion Report detailing your success at the end of the grant award year.
- **What are some ways that I can recognize Georgetown ISD Education Foundation as the financial supporter of my project?**
  - We are glad you asked! You can send a letter home to our students' parents announcing your grant award and explaining what wonderful opportunities their children will receive (or future students) due to the grant. You may write an article for your campus newsletter and/or update your teacher website, submit a press release to your local newspaper, and tell your friends and neighbors. In all communications, we encourage you to include the website [www.gisdedfound.org](http://www.gisdedfound.org). The more you can get our name out there, the easier it will be to raise money and award future grants.