



Kansas Academy of Science Educator Grant Program

The Kansas Academy of Science (KAS) Educator Grant Program has been established to foster K-12 student science education. Grant funds may be used to support classroom investigation in the sciences and in any Kansas locality.

Competitive grants may be awarded for up to \$500.00. A total of six grants can be awarded: three to K-8 educators and three to high school educators. Applications can be submitted by an individual or a team. Priority will be given to projects that focus on student experiences, increase student engagement, and bring a new topic or activity to the classroom.

Funding is to be used by the educator to pay for classroom expenses. Common expenditures are the purchase of supplies, equipment, or software.

Funding may not be used for:

- Tuition, room and board, textbooks,
- Travel to scientific meetings or symposia,
- Salaries or stipends for applicants or assistants,
- Manuscript preparation and publication costs.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applications will only be accepted from educators in a K-12 school in Kansas.
2. Funds must be used for a course in the sciences.

Application/Submission/Notification Procedures

Complete applications will consist of the following:

1. Letter of application from the educator/team of educators (1 page limit)
2. Project Data Sheet (found at the end of this document)
3. Project Proposal containing the following sections: (3 page limit)
 - a. Statement of goals
 - b. Relevant background information
 - c. Project description
 - d. Expected outcomes
 - e. List of supplies requested
 - f. Statement on Title I status (if applicable)
 - g. Statement on how the project will serve a diverse group of students
4. Detailed budget with justifications for expenses. If applicable, include a statement on how this grant relates to past and future funds from other sources and cost sharing with institution. (2 page limit)
5. Resume for the applicant(s) (2 page limit)

The fall educator submission deadline is October 6, 2025. Electronic submission in PDF format via e-mail is highly encouraged.

Submit proposals to:

Dr. Erin R. Morris
Baker University
Biology Department
PO Box 65
Baldwin City, KS 66006

emorris@bakeru.edu (E-mail submission of materials in PDF format is preferred)

Proposals will be reviewed by a multidisciplinary committee determined by the KAS council. Applicants should receive notification about funding and receive funds (if the grant is awarded) by November 15, 2025 so that the project can be completed during the 2025-26 academic year. Awardees will be recognized at the KAS Annual Meeting in the spring. KAS Annual Meeting registration and meal fees will be waived for the awardee if they choose to attend.

Expectations of the Applicant Upon the Receipt of Funding

1. If the proposal is funded, applicants agree to publication of their name and the title of their grant proposal in the KAS newsletter, *The Bulletin*, and/or in the *Transactions of the Kansas Academy of Science*.
2. Awardees are required to write a project summary statement to be included in quarterly newsletter or present a poster at the KAS Annual Meeting in April.
3. Any publication that results from the work funded by the KAS Educator Grant should acknowledge the KAS Grant Program in the publication.



Kansas Academy of Science Project Data Sheet

EDUCATOR PROJECT INFORMATION

Proposal Title _____

School Year of Project _____

Is completion of this project dependent on receipt of funding from sources other than this Grant?
 Yes (please clarify in letter of application and/or budget justification) No

APPLICANT DATA

INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION TEAM APPLICATION K-8 9-12

Name of Application/Team Leader _____

Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____

E-mail _____

SCHOOL DATA

School _____

Department _____

School District _____

Address (where check will be sent) _____

City, State Zip

AWARDING OF FUNDS

I acknowledge that the funds awarded from KAS will be spent on the budget outlined in this proposal.

Signature of Principle