

MSCF-EGF Policy 1001

Skills for Teaching/Technical Updating Fund (STTUF) policy

Use of College Level Funds for Professional Development allocated for faculty development, as per the current Master Agreement between the MnSCU Board of Trustees and MSCF, shall be consistent with and in accordance with the language of the current agreement.

The money from this fund is to be used to improve instructional and educational activities through faculty professional development. This may be for expenses incurred while attending college courses, state or national professional conferences, trade seminars or workshops, educational industry conferences, working in industry to learn new technology (without pay), and books required for approved professional development activities. (Books purchased with STTUF funds become the property of the college.)

MAXIMUM GRANT PER INITIAL REQUEST:

Requests for grant funds will be available and awarded in accordance with the established procedure.

Who may apply for the funds?

All faculty members of NCTC-EGF are eligible for STTUF Funds. The Chapter looks to distribute the funds as fairly and equally as possible.

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4/29/2016 Clarified wording and procedure, added distinctions for the maximum amount for fair share employees after initial request, added process for submission of requests after the activity has occurred, and adopted wording for requests to be submitted electronically.

3/17/2023 Removed language regarding fair share members.

9/25/23 Clarification and rewording of policy and procedure.

11/10/25 Updated documents for accessibility compliance, clarity, and rewording.

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When must the activity take place?

The activity must take place during the fiscal year (July 1 – June 30) for which the funds are budgeted. Any activity that occurs after June 30 will be counted against the following fiscal year's funds.

When to apply for funds?

Please apply as soon as possible. The STTUF Coordinators are committed to acting on the applications as soon as possible after receiving them. Applicants will be notified as soon as possible of approval or denial. Funding applications should be submitted before the date the professional development activity is scheduled to take place. Applications submitted after the activity has occurred will still be accepted.

The STTUF fund request form is to be completed and submitted electronically to the STTUF funds Coordinator.

Procedure to Apply for STTUF Funds:

It is important for us to know who intends to use STTUF funds throughout the year so we can anticipate the total dollars needed. Fill out the STTUF funds request form, estimating the cost with the procedure below.

1. Submit the STTUF form to the STTUF Coordinator for approval. PLEASE NOTE: Funding is handled through the reimbursement process. Costs are not paid "up front."
2. Next, the STTUF Coordinator will notify the requester of approval or denial of the request.
3. Obtain proper signatures/approvals from your Dean for any amount not covered by STTUF funding.
4. Fill out a "Travel Request – In State" or "Travel Request – Out of State" and obtain approval(s) as needed, if applicable. Attach supporting documentation and the Approved STTUF form.
5. After the professional development activity has been completed, submit the completed expense report, approved STTUF application, and all receipts to your Dean for reimbursement.

Initial Funds Distribution:

All full-time faculty are eligible for a maximum initial approval of \$300 in STTUF funds.

All part-time and adjunct faculty are eligible for a maximum initial approval of STTUF funds of a pro-ration of \$300 commensurate with their teaching load (e.g., a part-time instructor teaching 50% of a full-time load is eligible for a maximum initial approval of \$150).

Excess Funds Distribution:

Any non-allocated funds will become available to all faculty after the end of business on the Friday following spring break. Requests for amounts exceeding the maximum initial approval will be re-evaluated for potential disbursement, and the appropriate departments will be notified.

To be considered for STTUF funds, the application is requested by the Friday after spring break. ****NOTE:** Professional development activities occurring after this day that are completed by June 30 of that year can still be awarded funding, but these requests must be received by the Friday following spring break.

After the Friday following spring break, the professional development coordinators and the Dean will meet to determine the distribution of the unallocated funds. The goal shall be to distribute all funds allotted for the fiscal year, recognizing that 1/3 of those funds may be carried over to the following year.

Unallocated funds may be used to fulfill requests that exceed the original maximum approval amount. When distributing these additional funds, previous years' allocations will be reviewed to ensure fairness and balance across recipients. There is no set limit on the amount of additional funding an individual may receive.

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3/17/2023 Fixed a typo in the procedure section; updated language on maximum initial funds distribution and excess funds distribution for MSCF members.

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