

2026 SRNS Innovative Teaching Mini Grants Program



What's on your classroom wish list?

The Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) Innovative Teaching Mini Grants Program recognizes and celebrates innovative teaching methods by providing funds to enhance elementary, middle, and high school classroom instruction.

How to apply

Go to savannahrivernuclearsolutions.com to apply.
For more information, contact taylor.rice@srs.gov.

Mini Grant guidelines and criteria

- Public and private elementary, middle, and high school educators who teach/work in one of the following counties: Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Edgefield or Orangeburg (SC); and Columbia or Richmond Counties (GA) may apply.
- Guidance counselors may apply for mini grants as long as it's demonstrated that the project will benefit elementary, middle, and/or high school students in the classroom.
- Previously submitted grants will not be sent to applicants to be used as examples. This would give an unfair advantage to those not receiving copies of previously submitted grants.
- From a SRNS perspective, materials, supplies and equipment become property of the winning teacher. However, teachers should check with their schools. Some schools do take ownership of the materials.

Submit proposals by March 11, 2026

Rules

- Grant proposals must be submitted on the current year's application form.
- Your name may only be associated with one (1) grant. Proposals that received funding in previous years may not be resubmitted unless the project is of a refurbishment nature.
- The budget cost of the project should reflect the applied category dollar amount, no more than a 10% shortfall. \$50 for Category A, \$75 for Category B, \$100 for Category C.
- Principals and participants will be notified of the final results in April.
- Proposals will be evaluated by a panel of judges based on the requirements listed in the guidelines and criteria.

Tips

To increase your chances for funding, please keep in mind these characteristics when developing your mini grant application:

- Show usefulness over long periods of time
- Can be easily set up and handle frequent use
- Benefit large numbers of students
- Capture students' interest
- Provide unique and/or higher concept learning
- Address curriculum standards
- Are appropriate for the grade level
- Promotes science, technology, engineering and mathematics
- Be neatly organized. Contain reference information (e.g. vendor information, etc.)

Categories

A **Category A (\$500)**
Category A (\$500) funds are awarded for the purchase of basic supplies, materials, or student centered activities for classroom use.

B **Category B* (\$750)**
Category B (\$750) funds are awarded for the purchase of materials or equipment to enhance hands-on **STEM** curricula used in a single classroom, multiple classrooms, or grade level.

C **Category C* (\$1,000)**
Category C (\$1,000) funds are awarded for the purchase of equipment to implement **STEM** curricula with preference across multiple grades.

* Applications for Category B and C require an implementation schedule.

Mini grants recipients may be photographed, filmed, videotaped, or otherwise recorded during any awards reception. SRNS may use any such images or recordings to promote educational programs and other Site initiatives. Any such images or recordings may also be included in promotional materials such as brochures, booklets, videotapes, reports, press releases, websites, and exhibits.

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