2025-26 Pathways Annual Grant Proposal

**Innovating Pathways: Elevating Student Learning Through High-Impact Practices**

The 2025-26 Pathways annual grant program will support the integration of [civic learning](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/62db01158612b042d7e0f5b8/t/6329d39ffd92e01b511806b5/1663685535991/Framework%2Bfor%2BCollege%2BStudents%27%2BCivic%2BLearning%2Band%2BDemocratic%2BEngagement.pdf) [and democratic engagement](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/62db01158612b042d7e0f5b8/t/6329d39ffd92e01b511806b5/1663685535991/Framework%2Bfor%2BCollege%2BStudents%27%2BCivic%2BLearning%2Band%2BDemocratic%2BEngagement.pdf) or [high-impact pedagogies](https://www.aacu.org/trending-topics/high-impact) (e.g., study abroad, undergraduate research) into existing Pathways courses or minors.

Deadline for submission: Feb 15, 2025.

Goals of the 2025-26 Pathways Grant Program:

1. To support the incorporation of high-impact pedagogies such as study abroad, service learning, and undergraduate research across the Pathways curriculum.
2. To support the inclusion of civic learning and democratic engagement across the Pathways curriculum.
3. To support the growth, expansion, cohesiveness, and interdisciplinarity of Pathways minors.

Funding will be determined by the specific needs of each proposal. Funding may be provided for a number of purposes, including but not limited to summer salary, TA/GA support, and instructional materials.

The maximum amount of funding per grant is $2,000.

There are four different grant options available. Please visit [the annual grants section](https://www.pathways.prov.vt.edu/professional-development/grants/annual-grants.html) of the Pathways website to read more about each one. We have provided a few examples of what each grant could be used for, but these suggestions are by no means exhaustive; please feel free to propose your own ideas for integrating these experiences into your course or minor. Many of these pedagogies overlap with one another, so please choose the grant that most closely aligns with your goals or that you need the most support for (if you are the lead of a minor and your proposal does not fit into one of the first four options, please select the *Elevating Your Minor* option).

**Abiding by the spirit of general education, priority will be given to courses and minors that serve a broad range of majors. Proposals that only serve one major will not be considered.** Priority will also be given to the revision of existing courses and minors, but we

will consider new courses and minors that substantially and meaningfully incorporate a high- impact pedagogy and align with a high-need concept (i.e., Quantitative and Computational Thinking, Advanced Discourse, or Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts).

Please email Jenni Gallagher ([jennigal@vt.edu](mailto:jennigal@vt.edu)) with any questions.

\* Indicates required question

1. Email \*

Applicant Information

In this section, you will provide applicant contact details and general grant information.

1. Primary Applicant Full Name \*
2. Primary Applicant Title \*
3. Primary Applicant Department/School \*
4. Primary Applicant Phone Number \*
5. Primary Applicant Email \*
6. Primary Applicant College \*

# Mark only one oval.

 College of Architecture, Arts, and Design  College of Agriculture and Life Sciences  College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

 College of Natural Resources and Environment  College of Engineering

 College of Science  Honors College

 Pamplin College of Business

 Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine  Other unit

1. (If applicable) Full Name(s) of Additional Team Member(s)
2. (If applicable) Email(s) of Additional Team Member(s)
3. What is the focus of this work? \*

# Mark only one oval.

 Pathways course(s)  Pathways minor

 Pathways minor AND supporting course(s)

1. Name of the course(s and/or minor considered in this proposal \*

Grant Type

Please choose which grant you are applying for. If your project could fit into multiple categories, please choose the category you need the most support/resources for.

1. Grant type (choose one) \*

# Mark only one oval.

 Pathways to Civic Learning and Engagement  Pathways to Study Abroad

 Pathways to Undergraduate Research  Elevating Pathways Minors

Pathways Annual Grantee Commitment

In this section, you will commit to the expectations of grant awardees.

1. Please indicate your commitment to each of the following by checking the box:

*Check all that apply.*

 Participate in 3-4 cohort meetings over the course of the 2025-26 academic year  Submit a brief progress report by May 1, 2026

 If requested, share your work with the larger Pathways community

Grant Proposal Description Section

* 1. To support the incorporation of high-impact pedagogies such as study abroad, service learning, and undergraduate research across the Pathways curriculum.
  2. To support the inclusion of civic learning and democratic engagement across the Pathways curriculum.
  3. To support the growth, expansion, cohesiveness, and interdisciplinarity of Pathways minors.

1. Please provide a short overview of this proposed work. (2-3 sentences) \*
2. How does your proposed work align with any/all of the above-listed goals of the \*

Pathways grant program?

1. What are the plans for offering the course or minor (how often, what semesters, \*

how many sections per semester)?

1. What are the anticipated enrollments per semester? \*
2. What particular students (majors and academic rank) do you anticipate taking this \*

course or completing this minor and why?

1. How do you plan to sustain this work after the conclusion of the grant? \*
2. [Optional] If you or your team members have any current or prior experience with pedagogies related to the selected grant type, please describe that experience.

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Budget Section

In this section, you will upload your Excel budget form. The template can be found on our grant website: [https://www.pathways.prov.vt.edu/professional-development/grants/annual-](https://www.pathways.prov.vt.edu/professional-development/grants/annual-grants.html) [grants.html](https://www.pathways.prov.vt.edu/professional-development/grants/annual-grants.html). Check out the SAMPLE on Sheet 2 of the template for further guidance.

Google Forms allows you to submit this form and edit it up until the Feb 15 deadline. HOWEVER, you can only upload this file on your FINAL submission. A proposal missing this budget document will be deemed incomplete.

1. Excel Grant Proposal Budget

Files submitted:

1. What is the name of the ﬁnancial manager responsible for handling the \*

transfer/spending of these funds?

1. What is the email address of the ﬁnancial manager responsible for handling these \* funds? If multiple depts/colleges are involved, this person will receive the full amount and distribute as needed.
2. To what org # will this funding be transferred? \*
3. To what fund # will this funding be transferred? \*

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Letter(s) of Support Section

In this section, you will upload a letter of support from your department/school/college.

Letter of Support Upload

Upload a letter of support signed by your department head/school director, the college dean, and the college global liaison (for Study Abroad proposals only). For study abroad proposals, you can find your college liaison under the Proposing a Program/Renewing a Program section of [this](https://www.globaleducation.vt.edu/faculty/Faculty-Led.html)  [webpage](https://www.globaleducation.vt.edu/faculty/Faculty-Led.html).

This letter of support should include the following:

* a commitment to supporting the applicants' time and efforts to complete this work
* a commitment to continue to support the course or minor upon completion of the work
* a commitment that the course or minor will continue to serve Pathways General Education

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1. Signed Support Letter Upload (signed by dept head/school director and college dean)

Files submitted:

How did you hear about this grant?

1. Please indicate how you ﬁrst heard about this grant opportunity. \*

# Mark only one oval.

Pathways email

Email from your department/school or college

Email from another unit (VT Engage, Global Education Office, etc.) Pathways website

Campus notice From a colleague

Other: