

# **AY 2025-26 CoE Small Group Projects**

## **Call for Proposals**

The Small Group Projects initiative supports a small group of 2-3 SJSU faculty conducting exciting research in their collective area of strength or carrying out an impactful research project to broaden participation in engineering and/or aviation fields.

### **Proposal Tracks**

Faculty are welcome to submit proposals in one of the two tracks: (1) collaborative research proposals in technical areas, (2) proposals in innovative curriculum, pedagogical research, or impactful outreach with a research component, with a goal of broadening the participation of students from historically underserved groups in engineering and/or aviation fields.

### **Support Level**

Internal discretionary funding (up to \$50K) will be provided for the first-year (1/1/2026 to 12/31/2026), renewable for a second-year conditional on demonstrated satisfactory progress. Owed points will apply (refer to Section II.C of the college metrics [guide](#)). The funding may be used to support students, acquire research equipment and supplies, and for up to one month (20 working days, 8 hours/day) faculty summer payment (but not for any release time or overload).

### **Eligibility**

All tenured and probationary faculty who have earned positive RSCA metric points averaged over the last three RSCA cycles are eligible to apply. In addition, lecturers holding SJSURF PI status are also eligible. Faculty may participate in only one SGP at a time, whether as a PI or Co-PI. Accordingly, faculty whose current SGP is scheduled to conclude on 12/31/25 may apply in this cycle. However, faculty in the first year of an active SGP, as well as those in the second year who are requesting a no-cost extension, are not eligible to apply.

### **Application**

Tenured and probationary faculty from all departments are eligible to apply. Applications are due October 31, 2025. The faculty team lead submits (1) a cover page, (2) a 3-page single spaced 12 point font project plan (including figures and tables), consisting of project title, team members, problem statement, methodologies, tasks to complete, timelines, deliverables, student involvement, and grant submissions, (3) a budget plan based on provided template, (4) a list of current and pending SJSU internal funding, and in the last 5-year period, a list of external proposals submitted and awarded that have resulted from prior SJSU internal funding, and (5) brief CV (NSF or NIH format) of each group member.

### **Selection Process and Criteria**

The applications will be reviewed initially by the COE Research committee, which shall recommend up to four finalists to the dean to make the final selection. Criteria for selection:

1. [20%] Completeness and clarity
2. [30%] Potential to advance knowledge in the technical disciplines and/or potential to broaden participation
3. [20%] Potential impact on students
4. [10%] Feasibility of project plan, timeline, and budget
5. [20%] Potential for external funding, including, as appropriate, a track record of success in the last 5-year period in submitting external proposals, for applicants who have received SJSU internal funding

### **Reporting Requirements**

At the end of year one, a summary of achievements (2 pages max) and future project and budget plans shall be submitted by the announced deadline to the Associate Dean for GSR. Within 30 days of the project completion, a final project report with required sections shall be submitted to the Associate Dean for GSR.

### **Submission Link**

By 5pm on October 31, 2025, submit your application materials via the Google form:

<https://forms.gle/UaqLrdoZf333grJh7>