

e-Fest® Development Grants Empower Student Entrepreneurs

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e-Fest®, our annual business idea competition for undergraduates, returns April 24-26, 2025!

If you're a professor or advisor to students in an entrepreneurship program at an accredited US-based college or university, take note: we're offering development grants to help your students prepare their business ideas for the competition.

Development Grants Overview

EIX and the Schulze Family Foundation will award up to \$125,000 in development grants to institutions to support the development of e-Fest teams and/or entrepreneurship-related programs and activities. First-time grantees will receive \$2,500. Schools that have previously received grants and met the grant requirements are eligible for continuation grants of \$1,500.

Learn More in Just 3 Minutes

Curious about how development grants work? Watch our **3-minute video** to learn everything you need to know about applying, using, and benefiting from these grants. It's the easiest way to get started!

[Link to video](#)

Key Details

- Development Grant applications opened November 15, 2024.
- Visit the [e-Fest website](https://efest.biz) (<https://efest.biz/development-grant>) for more information about development grants, the

competition, team resources, and more.

- Subscribe to stay connected for all things e-Fest 2025.

Development Grant Rules

Grant recipients must:

- Be a 4-year college or university in North America.
- Offer at least one entrepreneurship course.
- Be actively engaged in student entrepreneurship experiences and learning.
- Encourage the development of at least one undergraduate e-Fest team.

Start preparing your students for e-Fest® 2025 and take advantage of this opportunity to enhance their entrepreneurial journey!

