Frequently Asked Questions

Applications for the MAA Grant Programs:
Dolciani Mathematics Enrichment Grants (DMEG)

Q: Can two proposals from the same department/institution be submitted to DMEG and the Tensor programs in the same grant year?
A: Funding for all three programs is limited, and the MAA will make every attempt to support a broad range of projects from various geographic locations. If any department is interested in submitting more than one proposal, we strongly recommend discussing this internally; the proposals must support different programs and must have different personnel.

Q: Do the major project personnel need to be MAA members to increase our chances of being funded?
A: No, they don’t need to be MAA members. While project personnel credentials are a factor in making a funding decision, their MAA membership status does not affect their chances of getting a grant.

Q: If there are two or more project co-directors, is the two-page curriculum vitae limit for each project director or combined?
A: CV is limited to two pages per EACH of the project co-directors.

Q: May I budget grant funds for faculty release time?
A: Your budget may not pay for release time for faculty. It is assumed that this will be covered by your university as in-kind contribution.

Q: Can I submit an application for a one-day event?
A: DMEG supports short-term events, however, support for short-term events (one to three days) is generally limited to $2,500.

Q: Should my institution provide dollar-for-dollar support to the project? Is “in-kind support” the same as “Indirect”?
A: We do expect some matching funds from your college or university, but this can be in-kind contribution, such as in the form of materials, office supplies, use of space, etc. They need not match dollar-for-dollar. The matching funds requirement is meant to indicate your institution’s support for your project.
Indirect cost (also called Facilities and Administrative Rate, or F&A Rate) is the mechanism used to reimburse a university for the infrastructure support costs associated with sponsored research and other sponsored projects. The F&A rate is essentially an overhead rate. DMEG does not support indirect costs.

Q: May a foreign institution apply for DMEG funding?
A: Applications will be accepted from college and university mathematical sciences faculty at accredited U.S. (including U.S. Territory) or Canadian institutions.