



Frequently Asked Questions

Applications for the MAA Grant Programs:
Tensor-SUMMA
Tensor Women in Mathematics

Q: Can two proposals from the same department/institution be submitted to these programs in the same grant year?

A: Funding for the Tensor 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, 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, except for Tensor-Women projects aimed at developing a course on women and mathematics provided the host institution agrees to offer the course.

Q: Can I submit an application for a one-day event?

A: Tensor-SUMMA and Tensor Women do not have such a restriction, but one-day events without follow-up have not been seen as competitive projects.

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. Tensor programs do not support indirect costs.

Q: May a foreign institution apply for Tensor-Women in Mathematics or Tensor-SUMMA funding?

A: Applications will be accepted from college and university mathematical sciences faculty at accredited U.S. (including U.S. Territory) or Canadian institutions.